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Wang Ching-wei Develops Astounding Argument

U.S. DEFENCE OF RIGHTS IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

THE "CENTRAL CHINA Daily News," the Wang Ching-wei organ, commenting on the American refusal to extend recognition to the puppet regime, says:

"Towards foreign nations China will fulfil all obligations usually fulfilled by civilised nations and she will secure equality of rights. This is our reply to Mr. Cordell Hull.

"Mr. Hull's affirmation that we will refuse equal rights to Americans, is an impudent lie. We merely repudiate iniquitous privileges.

"Our return to Nanking was made possible only by two and a half years resistance against Japanese aggression! The Chinese people will adopt the same strong attitude against any imperialist aggression! The American tactics consist of using Japan in order to destroy British influence in China and thereafter crush Japan in order to make of

China another Latin-America." — Havas.

Embargo Weapon Warning To Japan

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The American press continues to print strong comments in connexion with the formation of the Wang Ching-wei "government."

The "Washington Daily News" says: "If the Japanese generals compel Wang to kick around American rights still existing in China, the United States Government will tell Tokyo that an embargo may be placed on American exports to Japan or discriminatory taxes imposed on Japanese imports, or both courses of action simultaneously will be taken." — Havas.

BRITAIN BEGINS DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Negotiations for the development of trade between Britain and Yugo-Slavia began here yesterday with the arrival of Dr. Belin, vice-president of the Yugo-Slav National Bank, who headed a delegation of trade experts.

Shortly after his arrival Dr. Belin saw Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, economic adviser to the British Government. Dr. Belin stated Yugo-Slavia desired to palliate the effects of the disturbance of her maritime trade which prevented her obtaining essential materials.

Belgrade also desired a settlement of monetary problems and was ready substantially to increase her trade with the Allies in compensation.

Meanwhile, a Rumanian economic mission is expected to arrive in London soon. — Havas.

RENEWED WEAKNESS OF SHAI DOLLAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The renewed weakness of the Chinese national dollar on the Shanghai market has already affected the average Shanghai-lander.

Prices of many imported commodities, notably gasoline, have been boosted by 8 to 15 per cent. — Havas.

AGENTS IN SPAIN AID U-BOATS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Naval circles are definitely of opinion that the commanders of German submarines are informed of the movements of Allied merchant vessels by German agents at Vigo and Las Palmas, says the "Daily Telegraph."

The paper adds there is nothing surprising in this as enemy agents have been arrested and sentenced in Holland and Scandinavia for similar actions.

It is hoped in London that the Spanish authorities will hold an investigation as soon as possible. — Havas.

CONGRESS DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is learned from Washington that the return of Mr. Bullitt, the American Ambassador to Paris, has been postponed in order that he may give evidence before a Congressional Committee which is to investigate the charges against American diplomats in the Nazi White Paper. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North and north-east winds, fresh to moderate fine.

FRENCH AIR BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

An official communique says that several air engagements occurred in the vicinity of the front lines yesterday.

Three German Messerschmidts were shot down and one French fighter failed to return.

Numerous patrol actions occurred at many points and there was heavy artillery fire to the east and west of the Saar. — Havas.

NAZIS TRY MENACES IN SCANDINAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Foreign planes have put in their appearance over Sweden and Norway.

It is believed here that these flights may have something to do with Nazi attempts to impress the neutrals on the eve of the reinforcement of the Allied blockade. It is not reported whether the neutrals were impressed. — Havas.

HEAVY GUNFIRE OFF DANISH COAST

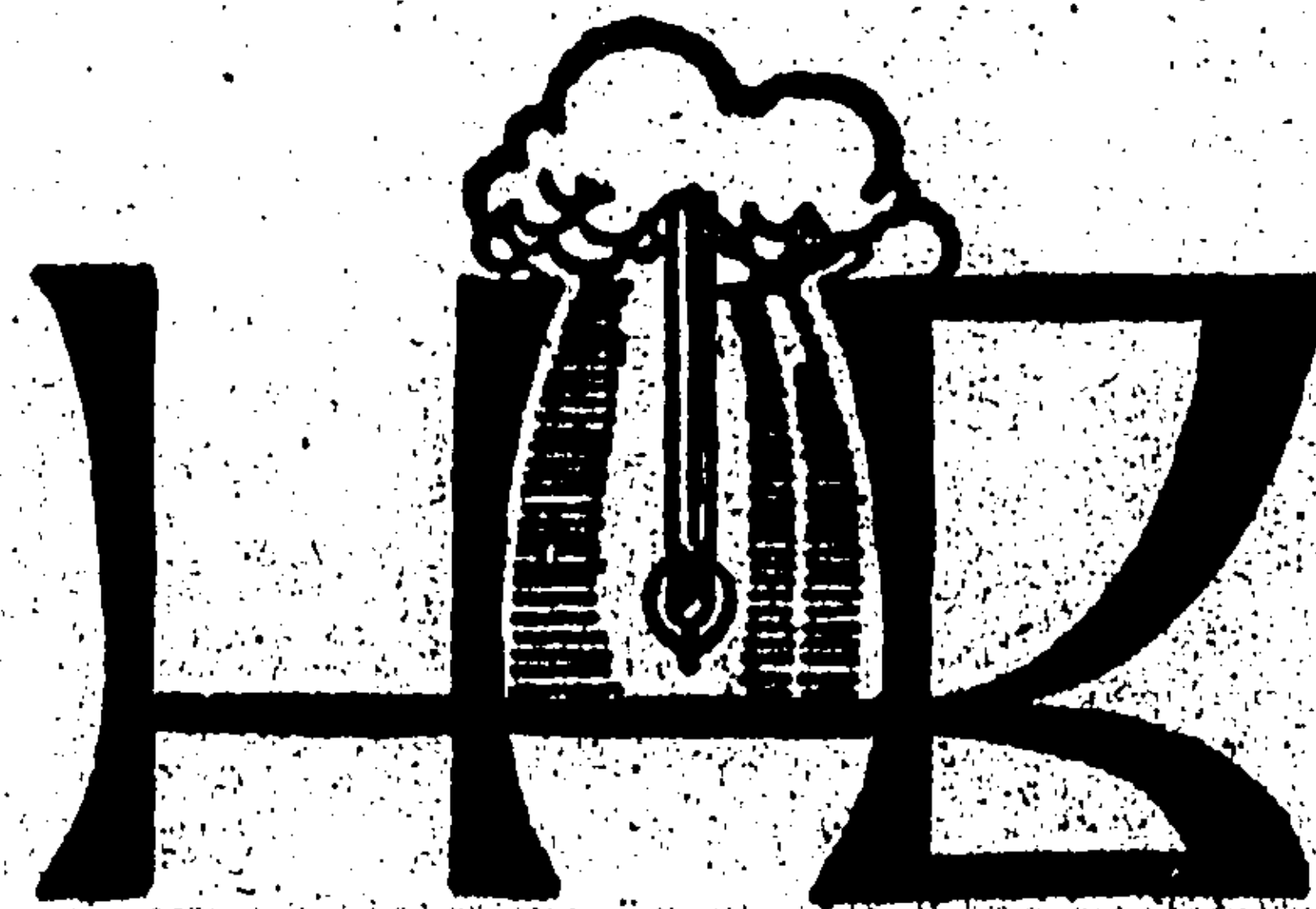
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Heavy gunfire was heard nearly all day yesterday off the coast of Denmark.

Experts stated that big naval guns were firing, but it is believed that German naval craft were engaged in exercises. — Havas.

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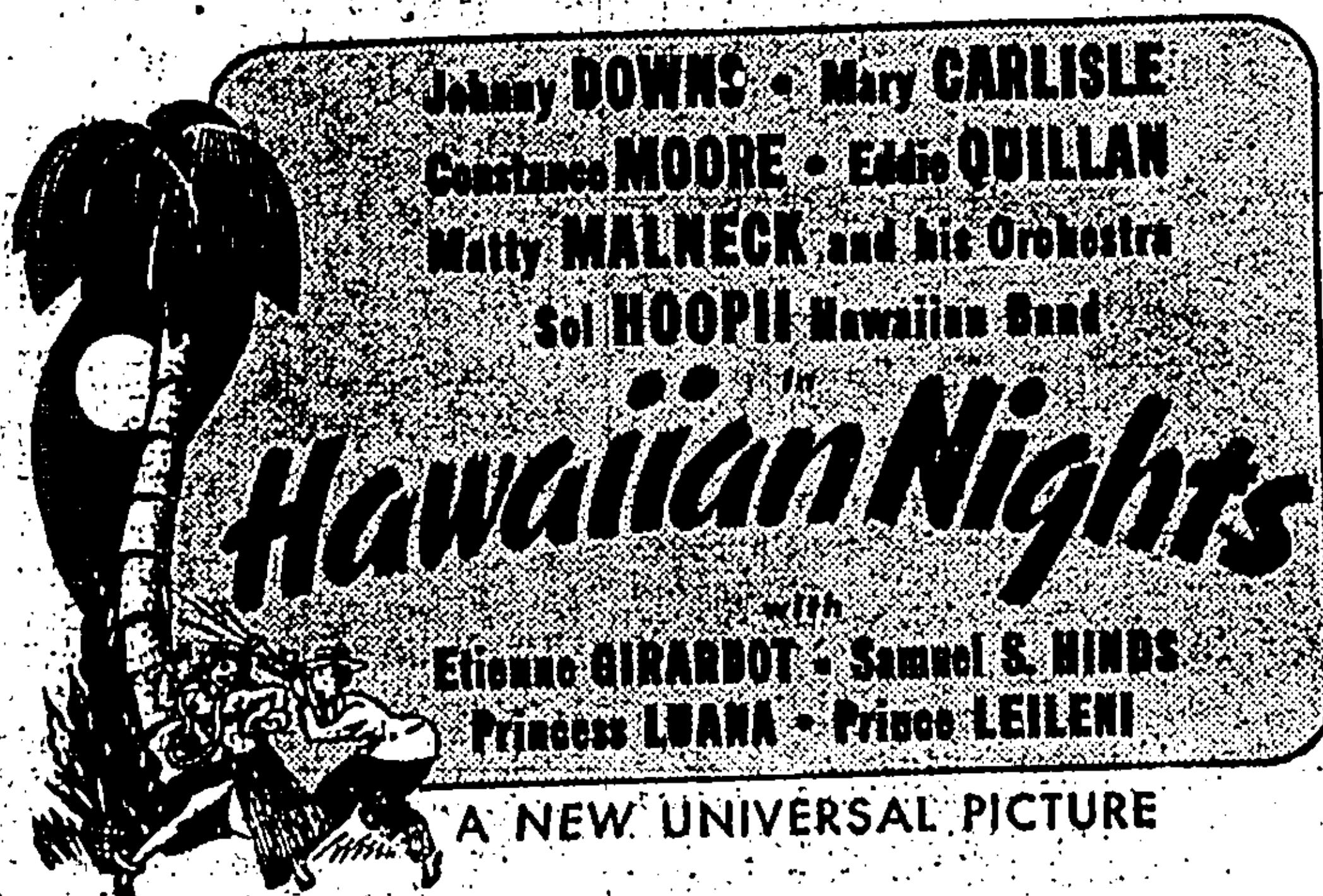
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WHERE THE NEW BUDGET WILL FALL

London, To-day.

THE LONDON PRESS is concerning with the new budget, which most of them feel will make further demands on the classes earning from £5 to £12 a week. If the budget is to be raised properly by loans and taxes a very large sum will have to be raised from the middle stratum of the people.

EGYPTIAN WAFDIST MANIFESTO

Cairo, To-day.

After a two-day meeting of the Wafd (Egyptian Nationalist) Party, Nahas Pasha, the party leader, handed a manifesto to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador.

The manifesto emphasised the unanimity with which Egypt extended the hand of friendship to Britain and her eagerness to offer all possible help to avoid any possibility of Egypt being stabbed in the back.

At the same time, however, the manifesto asked for tangible proof of Britain's willingness to respect Egypt's interests once the war is successfully concluded.

SUDAN RIGHTS

The manifesto also asks that Britain and Egypt shall enter into negotiations for the recognition of Egypt's rights regarding the Sudan.

Sir Miles Lampson forwarded the manifesto to London yesterday.

Nahas Pasha reiterated Egypt's desire to co-operate in all spheres with Britain in the present conflict.—Reuter.

FLIGHTS OVER NAZI GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

On Monday night, the Allies "divided Germany" between them, the Royal Air Force making reconnaissance flights over north-western Germany and the French Air Force over southern Germany.—Havas.

Other sections are already taxed, the papers point out, and further taxation of these would not go very far towards meeting the bill. A man earning £30,000 a year now pays 17 shillings in the Pound in taxes.

Not much more can be taken from the very poor classes, and the war, therefore, cannot be paid for without further taxation of the large and growing section earning from £5 to £12 a week.

The papers also feel that if everyone could save 10 per cent. of their food consumption, it would be a great help providing exchange and shipping space and, therefore, a most valuable addition to our fighting power.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINA SOCIETY

London, To-day.

Dr. Perceval Yetts, Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology at London University, has been elected Chairman of the China Society in succession to Sir Denison Ross.

He is an expert on Chinese bronzes.—Reuter.

INTERNMENT OF THE GRAF SPEE CREW

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Fifty more German sailors from the Graf Spee have left Buenos Aires for internment in the interior of the Argentine.—Reuter.

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PEOPLE'S COUNCIL CONDEMNS WANG CHING-WEI

Chungking, To-day.

A FORMAL STATEMENT has been issued by the People's Political Council now in session in Chungking denouncing the Wang Ching-wei regime. Issue of the statement was proposed by 105 members of the Council and, after minor revisions by a special committee, the statement was adopted by unanimous vote.

MALICIOUS GAME

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Goteborgsposten" says: "England's circumspection in handling Russia shows respect for Russia's military power."

"M. Molotov was nasty towards the Allies and very respectful to Germany but binds himself to neither."

"While the Allies and Germany fight, the Soviet pockets a bit here and there at cheap price."

"How ever much it smarts, Germany must keep a cheerful face in this malicious game."

"England has for long been a master at turning the blind eye."—Reuter.

GIRLS SEE FATHERS DECORATED

London, To-day.

Two ten-year-old girls saw their fathers decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning when, for the first time, relatives were admitted to the ceremony of investiture.

Fifty relatives watched 37 men and

The statement charges Wang Ching-wei with having signed a secret agreement with Japan.

What would mean the doom of China as an independent state and deprivation of her freedom, the statement says, Wang Ching-wei calls "independence" and "freedom." Under the slogan "peace and national salvation" he and his clique are actually surrendering China's political, military, economic and other rights and privileges to Japan's control.

What Wang Ching-wei is doing is trying to make the Chinese lose their country without noticing it, and let themselves be the slaves of Japan for ages to come.

The Chinese people are urged to prize the success of their resistance in the past, strengthen their confidence in ultimate victory and deliver the final blow to Japan.

"The day of China's final victory will be the day of the doom of all traitors," the statement says.

Ridiculing Wang Ching-wei's "constitutional government," the statement asks what constitutional government it is that aims at the betrayal of the country and what sort of parties it is that advocate surrender to the enemy.

The statement declares that the conspiracy undertaken by Wang Ching-wei at Japan's instigation will only strengthen the Chinese determination to resist to the bitter end.—Central News.

one woman receive decorations. The men included two officers receiving awards in connection with the R.A.F. raid on Sylt. — British Wireless.

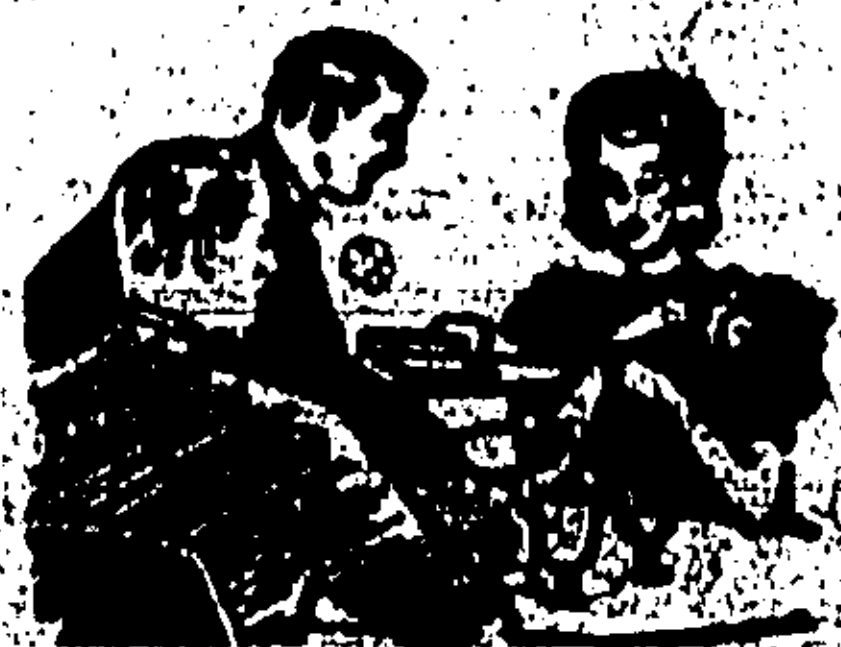
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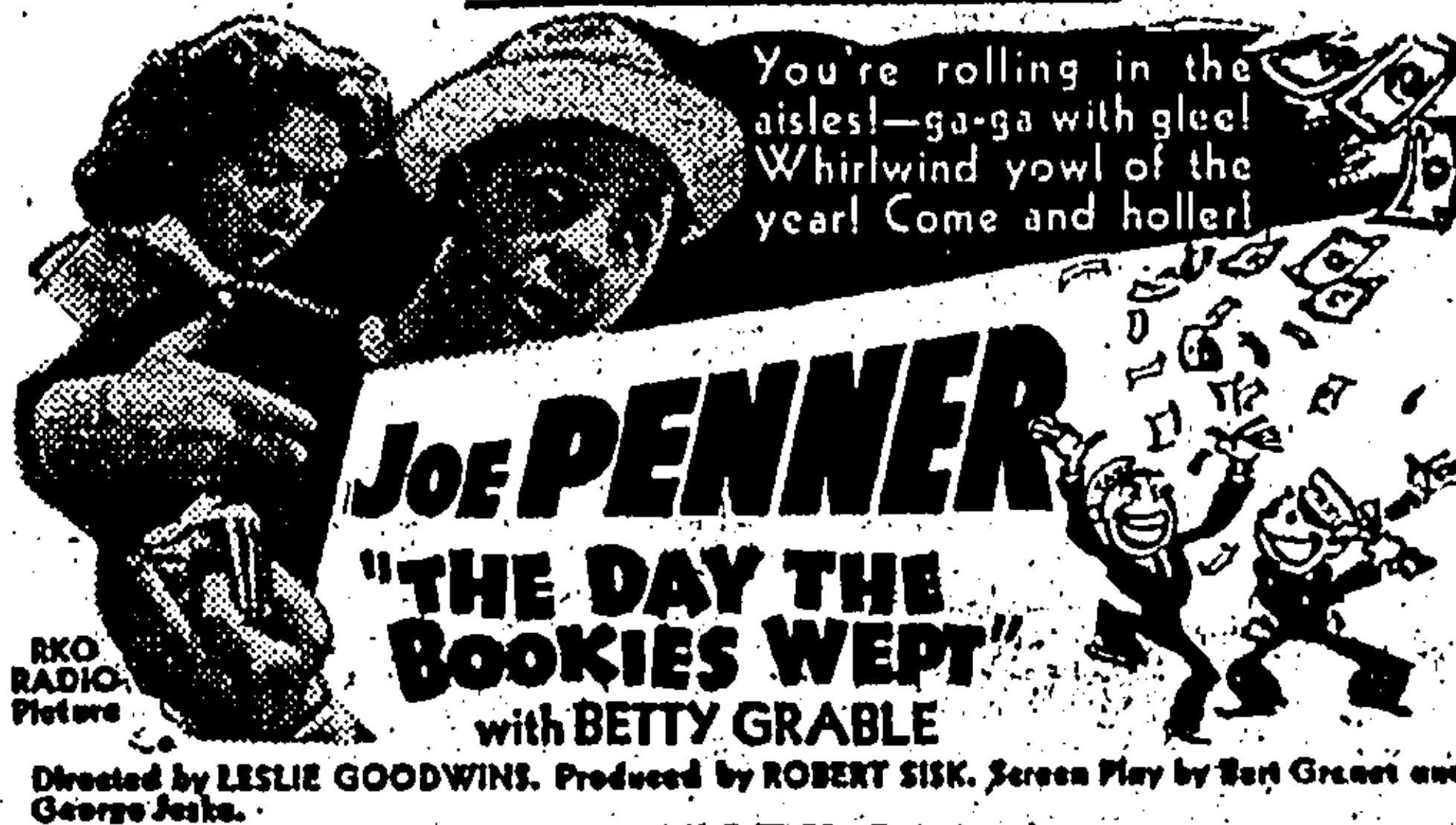
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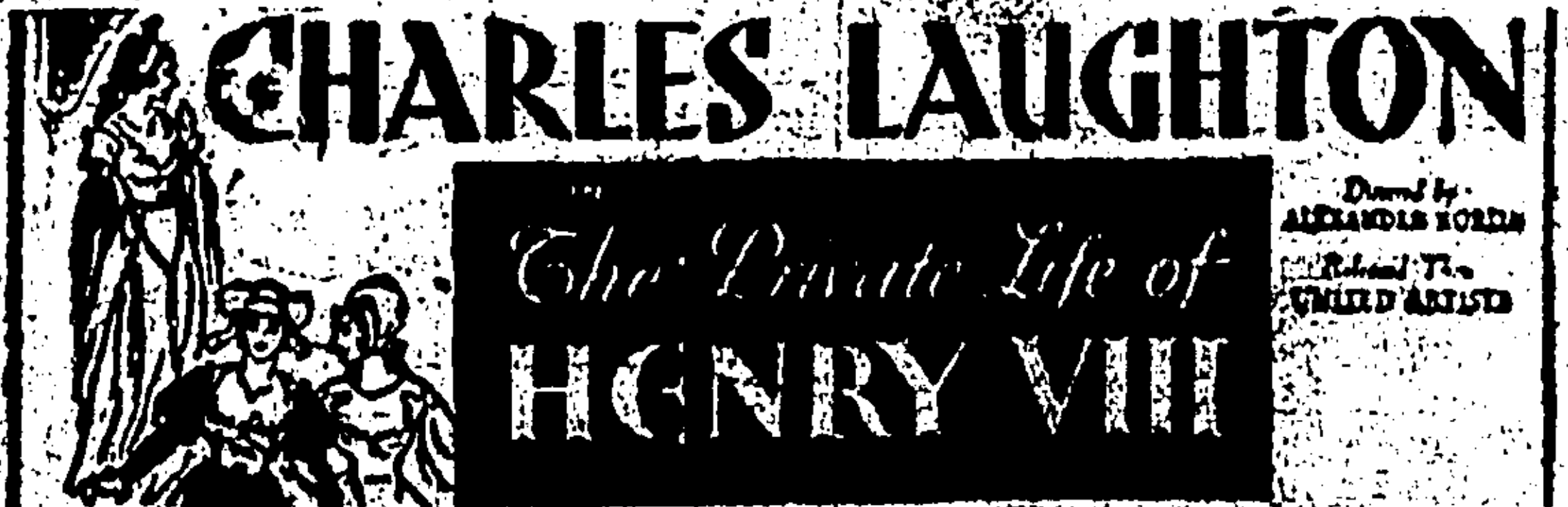
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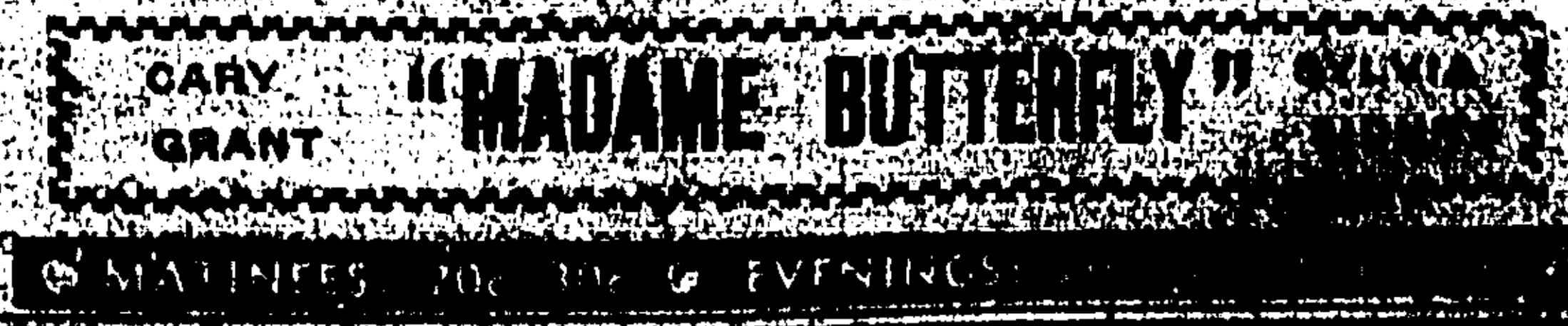
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THE CAUSE OF THE WAR

"Grim Revelations" Of Nazi White Paper

Amusing Analysis In Leading New York Paper

New York, To-day.

THE AMERICAN PRESS is not very impressed by the German White Paper which puts the responsibility for the war on the shoulders of the United States Government.

Indeed, the "New York Herald Tribune" makes fun of the White Paper, which says that the cause of the war, "believe it or not," seems to be as follows:—

Nobody in Germany wanted war or dreamed of it. Hitler sought only peace. He occupied Austria in the name of peace. He invaded Poland only because there was no other way of preserving peace.

While the Allies were satisfied to accept at their face value the truly pacific nature of Mr. Hitler's successive steps, American diplomats put the idea into their heads that the German invasion of Poland and the bombing of Warsaw might be construed as acts of war.

The presumption is escapable (sarcastically continues the "Herald-Tribune") that if it had not been for the Americans, the Allies would have nothing of it. They would have accepted the German war on Poland as only a "flight of the Hitlerian dove of peace!"—Reuter.

Persuading Russia

Berlin, To-day.

The Nazis have now thought of a new reason for the issuing of the White Book—it is intended to persuade the Russians that they are on the right side of the fence.

These documents, says the "Berliner Borsenzeltung," give the men of the Kremlin an opportunity to see the machinations of their opponents and the correctness of their decision to make a non-aggression pact with Germany.—Reuter.

Providing A Weapon

Berne, To-day.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Zurcher" says high hopes are held there that the Nazi White Book will arouse a strong reaction in America and strengthen the hand of those who recommend strict non-interference and neutrality.

Hardly any attempt is made in Berlin to conceal the fact that the "revelations" were intended to provide the American opposition with a weapon for use against President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Swiss correspondents in Berlin report re-opening of the Nazi campaign against the United States and President Roosevelt in particular, the basis being the alleged documents said to have been found in the archives in Warsaw.

Nothing is being said about the European democracies at this stage, all the fire being reserved for the United States.—Havas.

Documents Held To Be Proved Forgery

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Photographic copies of the letters alleged by the Nazis to have been exchanged between Polish diplomats in the United States and the Foreign Ministry in Warsaw reveal clearly that the documents were forged, says the "New York Daily News," commenting on the German White Paper.

The Journal said the letters were written in elementary Polish no Ambassador would use and the German translators created interpretations of Polish words which cannot be found in any dictionary.—Havas.

R.A.S.C. RECRUITING OLDER MEN

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that recruiting opened as from yesterday for men between 45 and 55 for the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enlistment will be for general service but the men will probably be employed in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Only clerks, typists, shorthand writers and motor-drivers are required.—Reuter.

ITALY'S IRON RAILINGS FOR ARMS

Rome, To-day.

The Council of Ministers in Rome has issued an order for the removal of all iron railings in Italy for metal for armaments.

The owners have been promised compensation at rates fixed by the Ministry of Guilds.

The order excludes from its operations the iron gates of Churches, gates having artistic or historic value, and those belonging to the Holy See, diplomatic representatives and foreigners.—Reuter.

Other laws regulate the mobilization of the civilian population in the event of war, including women and children over 13 years of age.

Increases of pay and pensions for Government officials to meet the increased cost of living are also approved.—Reuter.

GOERING STICKS TO HIS GUNS!

Berlin, To-day.

Allied aeroplanes have never flown over Berlin or any other big German cities, announces Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper, in an article obviously written to support the burly man's statement many months ago that no foreign planes could possibly fly over Berlin.

Unfortunately, Berlin residents have seen the flares dropped by the R.A.F. and the paper itself points out that there is no way of barring the route to planes flying at a great height.

Leaflets?

What leaflets? Oh, those! They were attached to little balloons, which were released from the Allied side of the line and drifted over the cities!—Havas.

SWEDEN NOT IMPRESSED

Stockholm, To-day.

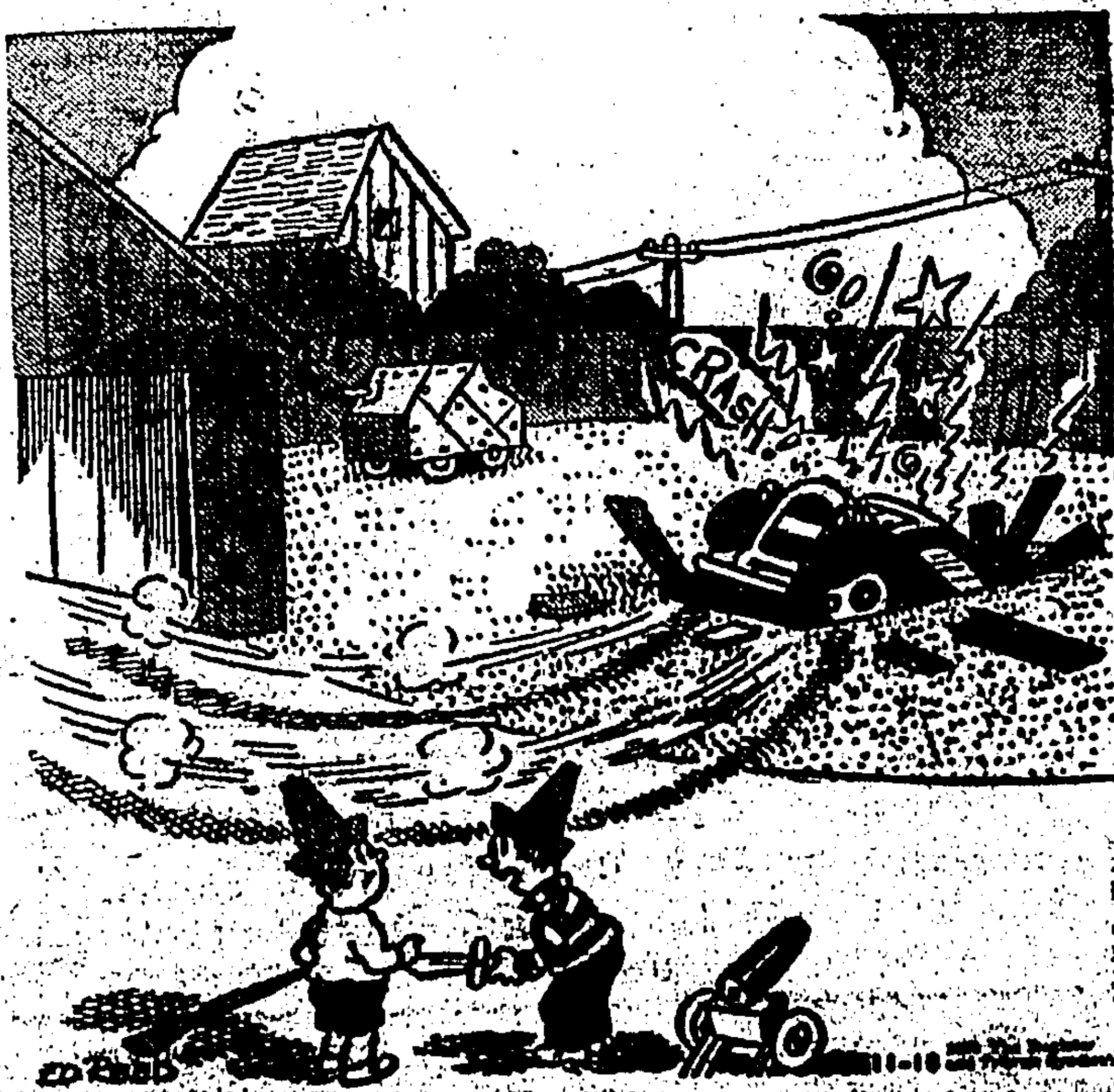
The "Dagens Nyheter," referring to the possibility of naval warfare in Scandinavian waters, says:

"The officially directed utterances of the German press have in all their frenzy not clearly stated what the consequences might be which will undoubtedly follow if the Allied threat is carried out.

"It is a natural reaction that seafaring countries like Sweden and Norway should lack understanding for sudden feelings about absolute respect for international law and neutrality on the part of the German press chorus."—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

"WE WISH TO SEE NO EXTENSION OF THE WAR, BUT WE WISH TO BRING IT TO AN END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE," DECLARED MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, IN A BRIEF SPEECH FOLLOWING MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

"We can do that," he went on, "by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them, because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

Mr. Attlee said he was glad to note that Anglo-French collaboration was not to stop at the end of the war.

Many of the troubles from which they were suffering to-day arose from misunderstandings between Britain and France after the victory gained in the last war.

Their task was not merely to win the war. It was equally vital that they should win the peace.

Referring to the neutrals, Mr. Attlee said he was quite convinced that the overwhelming opinion in all the Democracies was on the side of the Allies.

FIGHTING THEIR BATTLE

"They know perfectly well that we are fighting their battle and they know quite well that there will be no more international law if we do not win."

"We have got to preserve international law above all by defeating the aggressor."

The Allies could not stand for a

view of international law which enabled the enemy to use it for own designs, and he thought the neutrals understood this situation and would consider how far some States were free agents.

Leakages in the blockade, wherever they were occurring, must be closed and economic warfare made effective.

Mr. Attlee said he wanted to see a rigorous policy carried out by the Allies both in the economic and diplomatic fields.—Reuter.

NAZIS AND CHAMBERLAIN SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

Nazi political circles regard Mr. Chamberlain's speech as showing that the Western Powers will "regard the rights of neutrals as non-existent if this suits their aims."—Reuter.

ENERGETIC ACTION

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Tidningen," referring to M. Molotov's speech, considers the rumours of a possible rapprochement between the Soviet and the Western Powers are certainly premature.

"Molotov's speech increases the mistrust against the Soviet Union from every side. Mr. Churchill's strengthens the impression that the Western Powers are now completely determined to take energetic action."—Reuter.

SWEDEN TO DEFEND HERSELF

Stockholm, To-day.

"If our territory is attacked we must repel the aggressors with all the forces at our command," declared M. Skoeld, the Swedish Minister of Defence, speaking at Upsala yesterday.

He added that should anyone threaten their independence they would take up arms and defend themselves to the best of their ability.

As long as the great Powers were engaged in a struggle to the death, Sweden's fate remained uncertain. At any moment new and serious dangers might arise and they must always be ready.

Sweden was a small country and the means at their disposal did not permit them to indulge in threats. Consequently they must seek their independence in a policy of neutrality which was based on respect of Sweden's legal rights and which treats the belligerents in an impartial manner.—Reuter.

PRESS APPROVAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRESS IS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN THE COURSE OF EDITORIALS ON MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH IN EMPHASISING THAT THE NEUTRALS KNOW THAT THEIR ONLY HOPE OF SURVIVAL AS NATIONS LIES IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE NAZI REICH AND IN POINTING OUT THAT INTENSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC WARFARE IS AN ESSENTIAL TO THIS END.

"The Times" says that regard for the decencies of international conduct cannot deter the Allies from prosecution of the economic war to the very utmost of their power.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that economic warfare is not only an offensive against the Nazi Reich but a defence of neutrals from Nazi demands.

The "Manchester Guardian" writes that our new stringency of blockade may force Germany to try and break the cordon.—Reuter.

DUTCH FEEL SHAKY

Amsterdam, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech was read with some trepidation in political circles which still feel Britain fully to appreciate the neutral's position.

It is declared that giving a guarantee to Britain to limit trade with Germany would be an "unneutral act" and bound to expose Holland to retaliatory action by Germany.—Reuter.

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FRENCH "MAP" AROUSES EXCITEMENT IN ROME: STORM IN A TEACUP

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE REGARDING "UNWARRANTED EXCITEMENT" CAUSED ABROAD BY THE FRONTIERS APPEARING ON A MAP OF EUROPE WHICH FIGURES IN THE BACKGROUND OF A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FINANCE MINISTRY DURING THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN M. PAUL REYNAUD AND MR. SUMNER WELLES.

This map has been represented as showing how the Allies intend "to shape the future of Europe," carving up Europe and reconstituting an enlarged Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria.

The French communique points out that the map is merely one showing Europe's frontiers as they were "before Germany's repeated aggressions in the past few years."

In the reproduction of the map the photographer touched up certain frontier lines, thus leading to misapprehension in the Italian press which was agitated at the apparent inclusion of Trieste in Austria.

In Rome yesterday the photograph was reproduced prominently in most of the Italian newspapers with bitter anti-French and anti-British comments.—Reuter.

TERRIERS IN THE FRONT LINE

London, To-day.

The first battalion of Territorials to be in direct contact with the Germans is the Northamptonshire Regiment, which is already holding out-post positions in front of the Maginot Line.

The Territorials are the amateur civilian soldiers of peace-time who are now part of the regular army.

They have had their full share of patrol work and although they have had no engagements with the enemy, they have penetrated deep into No Man's Land.

Their first "prize" is a German gramophone, which is being sent to the Regiment's headquarters in England.

The gramophone was found during a patrol. It was in a cottage used by the Germans, and with it were 22 records and a radio set.

The patrol took the gramophone and records, but when they went back the next night, they found the Germans had been before them — and the radio set had gone.—Reuter.

CHENGTE INCIDENT SETTLED

Peiping, To-day.

The British Embassy authorities have been instructed not to take further action in connection with the attack by a mob on a party of Britons at Chengte.

It is learned that an expression of sympathy has been received from the Japanese Embassy authorities by the British Embassy in Peiping.

The Japanese military spokesman states he deeply regrets that such an incident should have occurred.—Reuter.

DANES AND A WRECK

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a communique stating that the wreck of the Nazi steamer "Edmund Hugo Stinnes" is lying one and a half miles off the Danish coast, that is, within Danish territorial waters.

The communique adds that the Danish Minister in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Government.—Reuter.

***The "Edmund Hugo Stinnes" scuttled herself when challenged by a British submarine outside Danish territorial waters.

MOLOTOV'S SPEECH DISTURBING TO THE NEUTRALS

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER" SAYS: "IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES M. MOLOTOV'S ATTITUDE IS REGARDED AS DESTRUCTIVE OF ALL HOPES WHICH WERE THRUST INTO THE FOREGROUND AFTER THE BRENNER MEETING."

In Rome, the "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican organ, describes M. Molotov's speech as disquieting for all countries.

The Scandinavian states are warned once again not to conclude any agreement, as even defensive agreements are unwelcome to aggressors.

M. Molotov emphasised that the volume of trade between Germany and Russia was inferior to that between Rumania and Germany, and also tried to acquit Bolshevism of being an instrument in the hands of Germany.

The Soviet Union "will follow its own policy whether it pleases these gentlemen or not." This warning is not directed only against the British and French, and these words are unlikely to reinforce the Berlin-Moscow solidarity.

PARTICULAR GRAVITY

The words of Stalin's loudspeaker have a particular gravity at a moment when an attempt is being made to show Russia as a country guaranteeing Balkan peace.

Insistence on the Bessarabian question and the Butenko case seemed intended to stimulate discord.

If Moscow intended to reveal to the world the well-known determination to intrigue in the Balkans, she could not choose more specious motives — Poland and the Baltic States have already shown the value of non-aggression pacts signed by Soviet Russia.

ICY REFERENCES

M. Molotov's allusions to Turkey were icy—the fact that the speech contains no signs of the intention to renew the Turkish-Soviet negotiations means that Moscow has lost all hope of unhooking Turkey from the Anglo-Franco-Turkish mutual assistance pact.

Molotov accuses the Allies of organising Finland as a spring-board for aggression against Russia whereas in fact the Anglo-Franco-Soviet negotiations failed for the very reason that the Allies did not accept the Soviet demands for a free hand in the Baltic and Scandinavian states.

While the Allies are accused of endeavouring to find pretexts for enlarging the conflict, the Soviet intends to remain "neutral" but Europe has had several examples of Soviet "neutrality" since last September.—Reuter.

MORAL EMBARGO

RUSSIA APPEALS IN VAIN

Washington, To-day.

During an hour's conference yesterday with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, it is believed the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, tried to shake his determination to retain the "moral embargo" against shipments of aircraft and aircraft material to Russia.

The meeting was requested by M. Oumansky.

It is not confirmed that they discussed the embargo but Mr. Cordell Hull afterwards stated the embargo was still effective against any country in the world that incurred its penalties.

Asked specifically whether the cessation of the Russo-Finnish hostilities meant the cessation of the embargo, Mr. Hull said there was nothing new to be said on the subject.

An official interpreted this statement as meaning the embargo is still in force.—Reuter.

NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The interview yesterday between the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, bore on all aspects of Russo-American relations. M. Oumansky did not forward any official statement to Mr. Hull.—Havas.

HOW THE CANADIAN TROOPS VOTED

Ottawa, To-day.

The number of seats held by the various parties in Canada have not been affected by the voting of the Canadian troops in Britain.

The total services vote was found to be only 56,942 of the 90,000 or so who are eligible to vote.

Fifty per cent of the troops voted Conservative, that is, for the "National Government" party of Dr. Manion which was complaining that the war was not being prosecuted with full vigour.

Of the rest of the votes, 41 per cent were for the Liberal Party and 5 per cent for the other parties.—Reuter.

PALESTINE SITUATION HAPPIER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MESSAGES FROM PALESTINE REACHING AUTHORITATIVE LONDON QUARTERS STATE THAT PUBLIC SECURITY IS NORMAL.

The excitement of the earlier part of March has died down and since March 8 there have been none of the Jewish demonstrations which followed the issue of the land transfer regulations.

The reaction of the two principal communities to the Land Regulations has been marked.

That of the Arabs has been very favourable while the Jewish Press does not exceed the bounds of reasonable criticism, their leaders realising the harm done to the Zionist cause by earlier manifestations of violence.

A Hebrew broadcast transmitter still continues however, from a spot as yet undiscovered, to attack the Land Regulations and conducts a campaign against the police whose duty it was to quell the violence rendered by the demonstrations, but on the whole the economic state of the country has shown such improvement that bitterness is sensibly diminishing.—British Wireless.

NORWAY'S ALARM DIMINISHES

Oslo, To-day.

Considerable satisfaction is expressed in political circles at the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

One political commentator told Reuter: "We never really expected that Britain intended to violate Norwegian territorial waters by intercepting German ships and we are glad to note that the speech appears to be reassuring on that point."

SWEDISH COMMENT

In Stockholm, Swedish comment on the scanty but it is felt in some Swedish political circles to have been much more moderate than might have been expected after the talk abroad about Scandinavian neutrality.

At the same time, Britain's intentions, it is felt in Stockholm, are left obscure. The lack of any specific reference to Swedish exports of iron ore to Germany is noted.

One comment, referring to Britain's maritime agreements with neutrals, was "both parties would do well to keep and profit by them."—Reuter.

ITALIAN GUARANTEE

Great Political Activity In Budapest

NAZI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ARRIVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

GREAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY is taking place here following the return of the Hungarian Premier, Count Paul Teleki, from Rome.

Yesterday morning Count Teleki was received by the Regent, Admiral Horthy.

The Council of Ministers met in the evening and the foreign affairs committees of both Chambers have been summoned for a joint session to-morrow.

Political circles are of opinion that Count Teleki's trip to Rome fully confirmed that Hungary can rely upon Italy's support, and this has strengthened the Premier's position.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Confirming the importance every European country attaches to small but rich and strategically situated Hungary, an official announcement informed the public yesterday of the arrival in Budapest of the German Minister of Agriculture.

In addition, the Italian and Yugoslav Ministers of Agriculture are due to arrive respectively to-day and to-morrow.

The visit of the German Minister, Walter Darre, was caused by the German desire substantially to increase exports of Hungarian cattle and pigs to the Reich.—Havas.

LIFEBOAT RESCUES

London, To-day.

The month of March was the quietest since the war began for the lifeboat service but the busiest March as compared with that month in other years in the history of the service.

There were 76 launches of lifeboats and 77 lives saved.

Rewards of nearly £2,000 were received by the crews from the National Lifeboat Institution.

Since the war started, 1851 lives have been saved by lifeboats, making an average of 62 per week.—British Wireless.

GAVE FALSE NAME AT HOTEL

Charles Percival Archer, of Tung Shan Hotel, Connaught Road West, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., for giving false information to the keeper of the hotel on December 8.

He gave his name as Jimmy Murphy when entering up the register of the hotel.

Det. Sergt. Hill said that the inaccuracy was not discovered for three months.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined \$50.

PLAIN HINT TO NEUTRALS

Paris, To-day.

"We have always been confident the Allies will win the war; now we are confident they will win the peace," was one comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

The Allies' determination to wage war in all aspects coupled with the plain hint to neutrals is felt to give a clue to the lines the more active Anglo-French policy will take.—Reuter.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies last night agreed to postpone discussion of matters other than non-controversial domestic issues until after M. Reynaud's meeting with the Senate.—Havas.

SPAIN CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the Nationalist victory was celebrated throughout Spain on Monday.

Parades of troops and Phalangists took place in Barcelona, Valencia and Sevilla.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the entry of the Nationalist troops into Madrid, a parade was held attended by General Franco, military leaders and government officials.

Replying to a speech by General Saliquet, commander of the Madrid region, General Franco said: "I appreciate your loyalty, attachment and affection but we must also have support from the people."

"This we have in the youths who have just marched past me. If we do not rely on them, it will ruin our victory and our dead will have given their lives in vain."

A banquet given by General Franco was attended by the Italian, German and Portuguese Ambassadors and members of the political junta.—Havas.

FATAL RIDE ON TRICYCLE

A 23-year-old shop foki, Li Kan, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, charged with driving a tricycle without due care and caution.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke told the Court that at about 9.30 a.m. on Monday, defendant rode a tricycle down Tai Hang Road, with another foki sitting in front, at a terrific speed. The tricycle eventually went over an embankment. Defendant managed to get off, but the man in front went down the hillside. He was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital and died shortly after admission.

Defendant was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour.

TONS OF COAL 'LIFTED'

Two and a half tons of coal valued at \$180 were stolen from the Hume Pipe Factory yard some time yesterday.

SHIP'S BELL FOR R.A.F.

The ship's bell of the British liner "City of Marseilles," which was mined off the east coast of Scotland at the beginning of the year, now hangs in the Officers' Mess of a Coastal Command Station.

The bell was presented by the owners of the ship to the reconnaissance squadron which was instrumental in bringing help when the liner was mined. Immediately news of the ship's plight was received, one of the squadron's aircraft was despatched to assist.

There was a thick haze off the coast, but the pilot found the damaged liner after a short search. He then set out to look for the rescue ships, which he knew were on the way. He found them nosing their way through the mist, and flew to and fro showing them the way, until they came alongside.

A Royal Air Force high-speed launch also took part in the rescue work. The captain of the launch, who was formerly in the P. & O. service, astonished the Lascars aboard the City of Marseilles by speaking to them in Hindustani. The launch captain was himself surprised when a Lascar handed an injured man down into the launch, with the comment, in perfect English: "It looks like a fractured patella, Sir."

ITALIAN AMNESTY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Ten thousand prisoners were set free from Italian prisons yesterday following a partial amnesty granted by the King on the occasion of the birth of the third child of Crown Prince Umberto and Princess Marie Jose of Piedmont.

On the same occasion, General Ezio Garibaldi, who was expelled from the Fascist Party last year following a dispute with a high Fascist personality, was granted readmission into the Black Shirt ranks.—Havas.

KENNEDY TOWN BULLY SENTENCED

A STORY OF HOW SHE WAS THREATENED WITH BEING KILLED AND THROWN IN THE SEA WAS RELATED TO MR. T. J. HOUTON, BY LI SO, 25, THIS MORNING, WHEN YUEN FOOK, 20, WAS CHARGED WITH DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES.

Demanding \$1.27 from the woman in Victoria Road on March 15, and was arrested yesterday in Catchick Street with an iron hook in his possession.

Defendant denied the charge.

Li So, in evidence, said she met defendant in Victoria Road on her way to Felix Villas where she worked. Defendant approached and asked for a loan. When she refused, defendant threatened to kill her. She gave defendant \$1.27.

On Monday, when she was going to work with a friend, Li So, she again met the defendant in Kennedy Town. She told her friend about the incident and was advised to report to the police.

On her arrival home the same day, she told her husband.

The following day, defendant was arrested by her husband in Catchick Street.

Wong Chun-hing, employed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, her husband, told the Court that he arrested the defendant at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. When defendant was searched, an iron hook was found concealed in his girdle.

Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

Det. Sergt. R. Mcvey conducted the prosecution.

R.A.F. PROMOTIONS

London, To-day.

The acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal has been granted to Air Commodores K. B. Park and N. H. Bottomley, states the "London Gazette." — Reuter.

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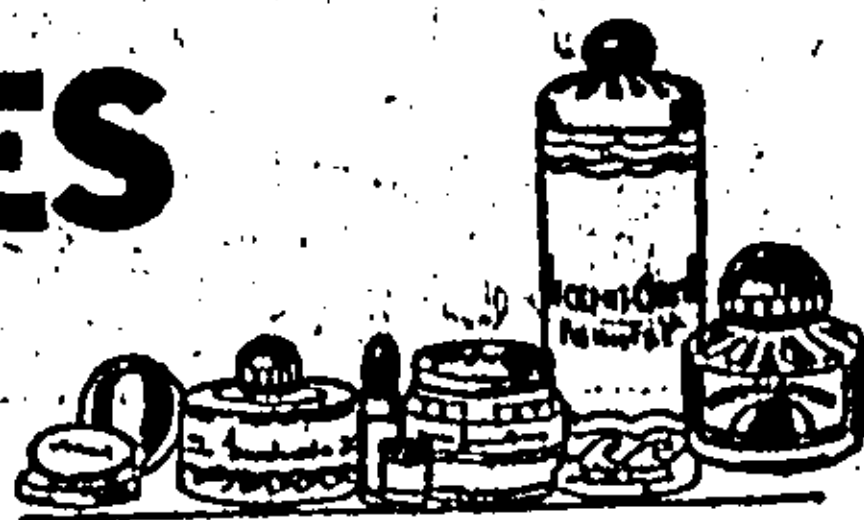
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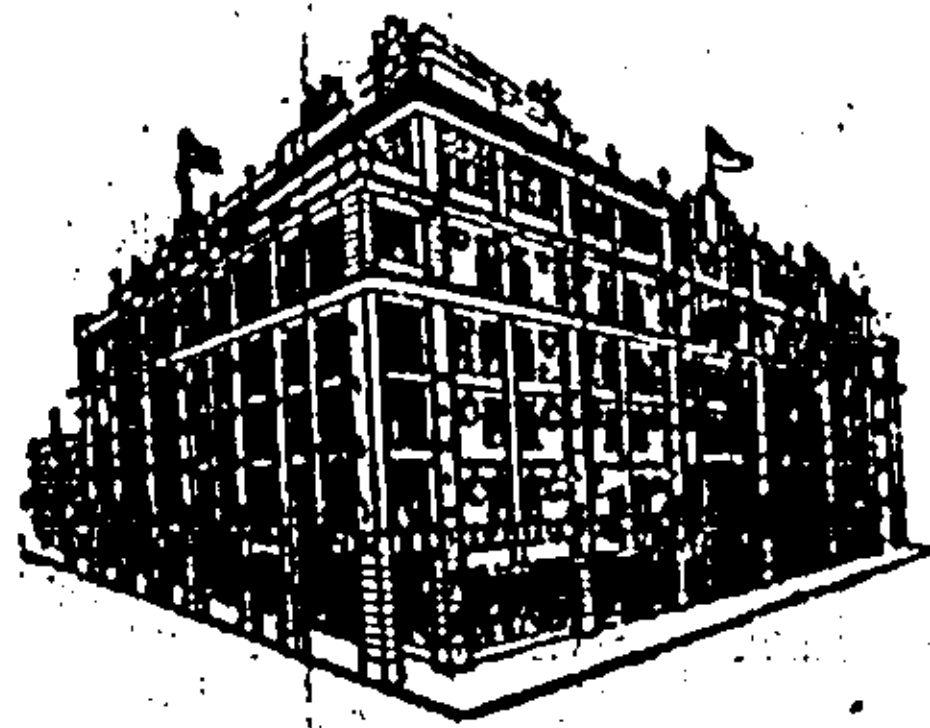
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ADOLF THE MAGNETIC

Germany's Fuehrer, who has a certain talent for drawing fancy pictures of himself, had found a new one for his speech at Munich on Saturday. As well as a leader, and an artist the ex-paperhanger now sees himself in the part celebrated in the familiar Gilbert and Sullivan song which opens with the words "A magnet hung in a hardware shop." Quoth the exuberant Adolf on Saturday:

I am nothing but a magnet which in passing over Germany extracts the steel from her. All the real men in Germany are to be found in my camp, and those who are not in my camp are not men.

It must have been rather gratifying for Major General Joe Goebbels to hear himself certified as a man of iron; so many people, even in his own country, tend to regard him as a somewhat sinuous reptile. However, he was certainly among those who were early attracted by Adolf the Magnet and he has stuck to him ever since. Perhaps Adolf has a special talent for attracting the baser metals.

It will be noticed that, as a matter of fact, the Magnet does not now spend so much time in "passing over Germany." His movements, even his progress to Munich on Saturday, are sudden and secret, and when he emerges from the Berchtesgaden funk-hole, he prefers to be seen and heard behind bullet-proof glass. The Magnet, in short, seems to have developed a healthy fear that he might attract something a little more penetrating than more personal loyalty.—"Manchester Guardian."

BRINGING IT HOME

The report of the death of Mr. Peter Blix, a Norwegian who was drowned as a result of the ruthless and illegal Nazi campaign against all shipping, may probably bring home to many Shanghaianders the cruelty of war as waged by the followers of Herr Hitler to a degree that few other outrages could do. Peter Blix was a young man born in Shanghai, educated for the first part of his life in a Shanghai school, and later in England, who had nothing to do with the present quarrel between Germany, Britain, and France. But because the Germans wished to involve the neutrals, or to keep them from being involved on the other side, Peter Blix lost his life, along with a number of others whose names are not known in this city. To many who remember the last war, nothing brought the tragedy of the conflict so much home as the death of someone known to themselves. Stories of atrocities and the most poignant cartoons could not have half the effect of the news of the loss of a loved one or even an acquaintance, no matter how honourably that person died in the fighting.

In this case, however, the lost man was not a combatant. He was a neutral, travelling on a neutral ship. And he was mercilessly made the victim of the Germans. All those who knew Peter Blix in Shanghai and admired his many qualities, and all those who knew him only on account of his exploits on the Rugby field, must join in condemnation of the strategy which caused his death. As in the last war, Germany has begun this one with the apparent idea that every nation must bow before the idea of invincible power. But the idea is wholly a German illusion. In the last war the German army was whipped in the field, despite the propaganda which would have the world believe that the military were stabbed in the back. To prove

this there are many old soldiers in Shanghai who can tell stories of how the German troops "retreated" so rapidly at the last engagements of 1918 that they could not keep up. But so effective has been the propaganda of the Hitler regime that most of the world has forgotten that the Germans were forced to run away. It needs a reminder of the tactics of Germany in warfare, with the senseless slaying of neutrals, to bring the fact home that Germany is just as wide open to K.O. punches as the rest of the combatants—if not more so.—"North-China Daily News."

RUSSIA AND FINLAND

There is not a shadow of excuse for Soviet Russia's attack on Finland. It is ten more unpardonable than the Nazi aggression on Czechoslovakia and Poland. The case against Russia is absolutely clear, and her guilty course will be condemned by the rest of the world, including the Nazis in Germany. In the new order in Europe, which should follow the great struggle, the Finns are certain to secure their freedom again and should recover what they may now lose.—"Winnipeg Free Press."

CANADA SPEAKS

While the full results of the general election in Canada are not yet to hand, sufficient information is available to show that Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King has secured an overwhelming victory, establishing a new record. Mr. King has a clear majority over the other parties combined of no fewer than 123 seats out of a total of 245. It will be remembered that in January Mr. King suddenly announced the dissolution of the Canadian Parliament and the decision to hold a general election as early as possible. The issue involved was the manner in which Canada was assisting in the prosecution of this war, and the result of the election has been to let the world know of the Dominion's determination to wage it up to the hilt. A clearer demonstration of the loyalty of the Canadian masses to the ideals of the British Commonwealth of nations could not be imagined. Nor could there be a more satisfactory augury for the future than this imposing demonstration of fidelity to the principles for which the Empire stands. It is, however, only one out of several such. The Dominions responded right loyally to the call when war broke out, and already numbers of their men are stationed in the various theatres of war, or possible war. The magnificent manner in which Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India and even Africa

A NEUTRAL MUST BE ANNEXED

Time is not on the side of the Allies. It is a neutral that must be annexed.—M. Reynaud, new French Premier, speaking when Finance Minister.

answered the summons of the fiery cross is the best possible proof of the solidarity of the Empire and the closeness of the bonds which unite its constituents. It is also the straightest and most emphatic reply to those wishful thinkers who fancy they see signs of disintegration in the Empire. They would like to see something of the sort, but demonstrations such as that given by the Canadians should serve to dispel any doubts that some might hold on the subject. And so for the second time this century Canada has justified the prophecy which Rudyard Kipling wrote in 1897:—

"Carry the word to my sisters—
To the Queens of the East and the South

I have proven faith in the heritage
By more than word of mouth.
They that are wise may follow
Ere the world's war-trumpet blows.

But I—I am first in the battle—
Said our Lady of the Snows.—
"North-China Daily News."

The Goebbels Machine Off At Full Blast

NAZIS AGAIN

RAID SCAPA FLOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

GERMAN BOMBING SQUADRONS last night made another attack in force on the British naval base at Scapa Flow, without success.

An official Admiralty statement says that between 20 and 30 aircraft took part in the raid, but they were driven off by the combined anti-aircraft fire of warships and the shore batteries.

FOR THE STARVING BRITISH!

London, To-day.

Some kindly person in the United States has sent Lord Stamp, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government, a parcel of tinned sardines, cheese, chocolate, honey and butter!

Devoting a leading article to this, the "Daily Telegraph" comments that it is appalling that some people should think that people in Britain are suffering privations so severe that even the Chief Economic Advisor would welcome sardines, cheese or chocolates as though they were unaccustomed luxuries!

It is almost fantastic to imagine such credulity could exist outside of Germany, the paper continues.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that at least one neutral country in Europe is less well off than those in belligerent Britain.—Reuter.

N.Y. SUBWAY STRIKE

New York, To-day.

John L. Lewis, the leader of the C.I.O., has arrived to take charge of negotiations to prevent the threatened strike in the underground railways.

Lewis stated that he settled the whole controversy last Wednesday at a conference with the Mayor, La Guardia, but the settlement had since been nullified by John L. Delaney, the chairman of the Transport Board.

Mr. Lewis announced that the labour situation on the New York underground railways and other transit lines has been satisfactorily settled and the strike will not eventuate. — Reuter.

ACHILLES CREW IN A TRIUMPHAL MARCH

Wellington, To-day.

Four hundred officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, the New Zealand cruiser of the Graf Spee battle fame, took part in a triumphal march through the streets of Wellington yesterday.

Large crowds turned out to welcome them and Mr. Fraser, the new Prime Minister, made a speech of welcome. — Reuter.

Several bombs dropped into the water near to the British craft, but no ship was damaged.

A number of bombs also fell on shore, without doing damage, though one man (a civilian) is reported to have been wounded by bomb splinters.—Havas.

"Poor" British Navy

Berlin, To-day.

The German news agency reports: "Some hours ago Heinkel bombers once more paid a memorable visit to the British naval base at Scapa Flow. The first planes have already returned and are over Heligoland."

"According to radio reports so far received several English warships were attacked with heavy bombs."

"Some ships sustained direct hits, others were damaged by explosions in their immediate vicinity."

"One ship developed a list and from another dense smoke and flames appeared."

In London, the Admiralty laconically announces: "No ship was hit or damaged." — Reuter.

R.A.F. Attacks Nazi Patrol Ships

London, To-day.

German patrol ships were attacked and bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, while British planes also engaged a German Junkers-type machine, which they shot down; the wreckage was subsequently seen by a warship.

One R.A.F. machine is missing. — Reuter.

Attack On Convoys

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that enemy aircraft attacked our convoys in the North Sea yesterday afternoon but were driven off by gunfire.

At least 10 bombs were dropped but no hits were obtained and there was no damage. The convoys proceeded on their voyage.—Reuter.

M. REYNAUD TO MEET SECRET SESSION

Paris, To-day.

M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier, made only a brief appearance during the Chamber debate yesterday and did not speak.

The Chamber adjourned until April 11. This means the Government will face the Senate first in secret session on the conduct of the war on Tuesday.—Reuter.

FISHERMEN FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

London, To-day.

Another 175 Newfoundland fishermen have arrived in England to join the Royal Navy.

This is the fifth contingent to reach England. The others went to naval centres for training before being allotted various duties in the Navy.—Reuter.

MUNITIONS EXPLOSION IN SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

The Minister of Supply announces that an explosion occurred in a munitions factory in Scotland last evening.

It is feared three lives were lost. Four men were injured.

A court of enquiry has been set up to investigate the accident.—Reuter.

PEARL RIVER REOPENING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED BY HAVAS THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN CANTON HAVE PROMISED THE RE-OPENING OF THE PEARL RIVER ON JUNE 1.

Thirteen ships, of which eight will be British, two Japanese, two Portuguese and one another nationality, will be allowed to run between Canton and Hong Kong, and return, weekly.

It is rumoured that the Japanese intend to make permanent the occupation of the important and fertile district of Chungshan, between Macao and Canton where a railway from Canton will shortly be completed by the Japanese.

TRIBUTE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee and Sir Percy Harvis (who spoke in the absence of Sir

SHARP AIR BATTLES IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Aerial activity over the Western Front has been intensified. There are many Germany patrols, which are all protected by escorts of from 9 to 10 chaser planes.

There have been several fights with Allied planes, but the results are not yet known.

Present reports are: All French planes returned safely.

In connection with Monday's Nazi story of seven French planes having been shot down, it is now known that two were lost. The pilot of one machine saved himself with his parachute and landed in French territory.—Havas.

R.A.F. IN ACTION

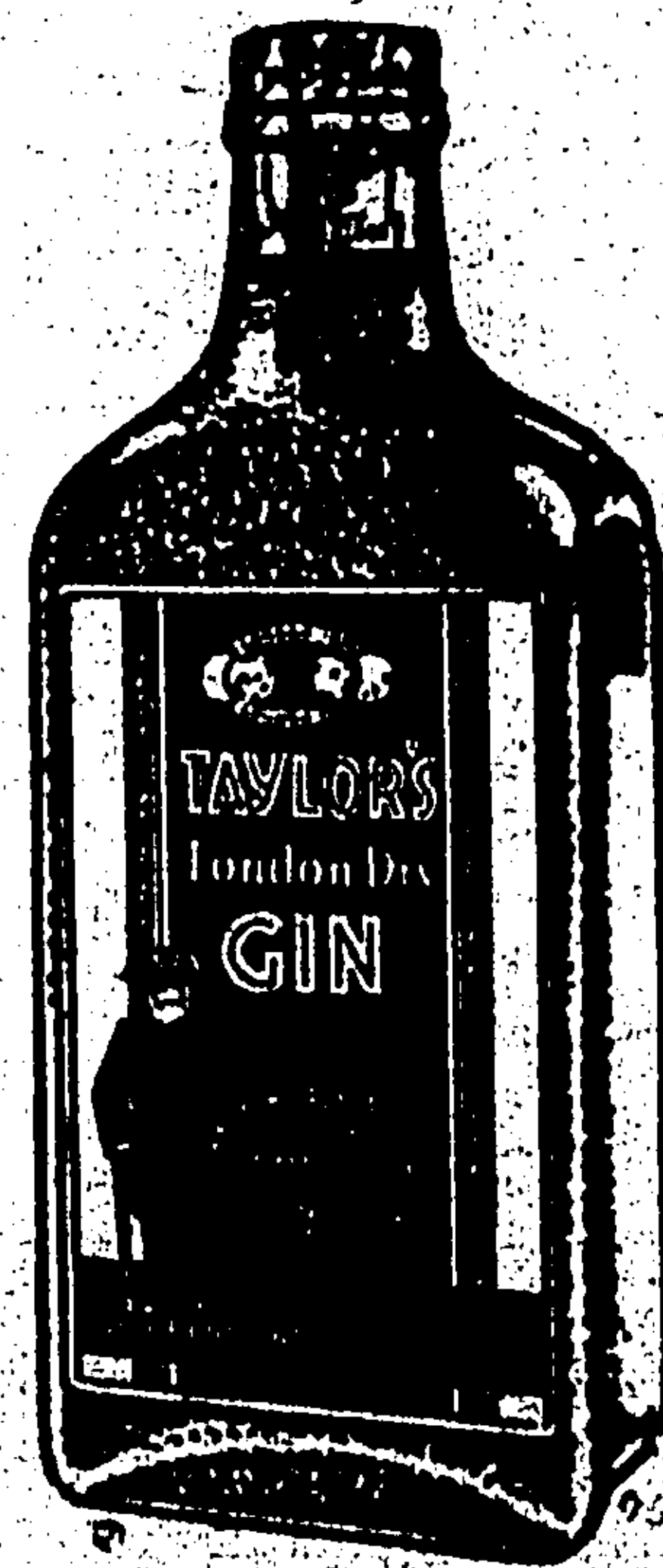
A bulletin issued by the Headquarters of the British Air Force in France states that yesterday three fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. attacked and broke up a formation of nine Messerschmitts of the 110 type on the Western Front near Metz. All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Archibald Sinclair) associated themselves in the House of Commons yesterday with the tribute paid by Mr. Neville Chamberlain to the late Sir John Gilmour and the late Mr. M. J. Savage, the Prime Minister of New Zealand.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT HAS BOUT OF INFLUENZA

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
ON THE ADVICE OF HIS DOCTOR, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS POSTPONED HIS VISIT TO WARM SPRINGS TO APRIL 18, HIS SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

Although it was reported the President had been suffering from a persistent cold for the past few weeks, Mr. Early revealed that the President had actually had influenza. His condition is now satisfactory.

The doctor, however, decided that in view of the bad weather now prevailing at Warm Springs—heavy rains—it would be best for the President to defer his visit. His temperature has been normal for the past four days, but he is still suffering from the after-effects, and continues to receive visitors in his private study.—Reuter.

TURCOTTE FINED

THE CASE AGAINST A CANADIAN SUBJECT, JOSEPH RENEE ALEXANDER TURCOTTE, 33, CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT ON A EUROPEAN BOY, WAS CONCLUDED BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING. HE WAS FINED \$100.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, appearing for accused, stated that Turcotte had instructed him to plead guilty, and said that his client acted in a moment of weakness.

Mr. Remedios asked the Court to treat the case as leniently as possible and to impose a fine according to the means of his client, who was only carrying sufficient money for his passage and was to leave for Canada to-morrow.

Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham said the police had no objection to a fine provided accused was definitely leaving the Colony.

Imposing the fine, Mr. Himsworth remarked that there was little more to say beyond that it was an unsavoury offence.

EUROPEAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Charles Onslow, 40, charged with obtaining money by false pretences from a fish dealer Leung Chuek, on March 30, pleaded not guilty.

Hearing of the case was fixed for April 8, at 2.30 p.m.

Det. Sergt. Cullinan is in charge of the case.

ALL MISSED, SAYS NAZI HIGH COMMAND

Berlin, To-day.
British bombers which attacked German patrol boats west of Sylt on Monday dropped 25 bombs, all of which missed, says the German High Command communique.

Five Allied planes were shot down in combat.—Reuter.

DIFFERENT METHODS OF ASSESSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Explaining why Allied plane losses have not attained half the figure announced by the German radio, the authorities reveal that German calculations of enemy losses are not on the same basis as for their own losses.

The German command considers as destroyed all British and French planes which abandon combat even if only owing to mechanical failure.

Allied headquarters affirm that most of the planes which have abandoned a fight for this reason were generally only slightly disabled and could again take part in operations a few days later.

The Nazi radio has stated that 357 Allied planes have been destroyed since war began.—Havas.

SWEDEN AND FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

SPEAKING IN THE RIKSDAG YESTERDAY THE SPOKESMEN OF THE GOVERNMENT COALITION PARTIES APPROVED THE POLICY OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IN THE RUSSO-FINNISH CONFLICT.

The opposition criticised the Government's allegedly passive attitude in regard to the recruiting of volunteers for Finland, and said the Government should have have it clear long ago to Moscow that any action against Finland might have resulted in Swedish intervention.—Havas.

ALLIED CULTURAL COLLABORATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week have been chosen by representatives of the French and British universities for meetings to celebrate the intellectual links between them.

The Rt. Hon. Earl De La Warr, President of the Board of Education, is to visit Paris to confer with M. Sarraut, French Minister of National Education. He will be guest at a reception.—Havas.

MR. MYRON TAYLOR TO LIVE IN FLORENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Vatican City, To-day.

Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Pope, has gone to Florence, where he is to make his home. He has a villa there and has often stayed there in the past.—Havas.

The masters of three fishing junks were each fined \$10 by Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning for navigating in the mine area off West Lamma Channel yesterday.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



SOVIET IGNORES FINNISH PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day

It is officially learned that no proof has been forthcoming of rumours that the Soviet troops were commanded by German officers during the Finnish war.

Furthermore no German soldiers were among war prisoners taken by the Finns.

It is reported by Captain Katosta, commanding the Finnish troops in Sortavala, that the Russians occupied the city two days before the date fixed in the peace treaty.

Capt. Katosta sent a representative to Russian headquarters to protest but the Soviet commander said he had received orders to occupy the city on Saturday.

The Finnish population, as a result, were forced to abandon all their belongings. — Havas.

NEW LOCKS FOR PANAMA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Senate appropriations sub-committee has approved a credit of \$15,000,000 for the construction of a new set of locks for the Panama Canal.

The House of Representatives, who had previously rejected the proposal, will call another debate on the question. — Havas.

BRITISH TRADE WITH AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The drop in Sterling has failed to affect Anglo-American trade relations, declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday.

Mr. Hull pointed out that American exports to Britain remained at the same high level. — Havas.

TURCO-SYRIAN PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

Signature of the Turco-Syrian agreement is welcomed with considerable satisfaction in Palestine.

The Arab press assures the Democracies of the co-operation of the Near East states. — Havas.

London, To-day.

Semi-official circles in London are not to be worried about Soviet supplies to the Reich.

"The Soviets cannot properly supply themselves, let alone the Reich," they comment. — Reuter.

FRENCH SMOKE MORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Confirming the experience of the last war, when tobacco proved an indispensable friend and nerve soother, statistics show a considerable increase in French consumption of tobacco since the war began.

Tobacco sales have increased 10 per cent. Curiously enough, the State revenue from the match monopoly has diminished by two million francs. — Havas.

BOOST IN DEVELOPMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

ANOTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE FRENCH EMPIRE AS A RESULT OF WAR CONDITIONS: THE RAISING OF EUROPEAN VEGETABLES IS NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN SEVERAL TROPICAL COLONIES.

Especially noteworthy is the speed with which the adaption took place. One region in Senegal, which prior to the war imported vegetables from France, has already yielded 6,000 tons of vegetables. This was made possible by the use of fertilizer and modern methods of land culture.

Large-scale experiments have been carried out in equatorial Africa for the growing of European fruits. — Havas.

BRITAIN'S TRADE PACT WITH DENMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The commercial accord between Britain and Denmark announced by Mr. Crampton in his Commons speech was signed yesterday after long negotiations which have been going on since November.

The agreement regulates imports of Danish agricultural products and British coal. — Havas.

BACK IN JERUSALEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

The High Commissioner for Palestine and Lady MacMichael have returned from a 10-day visit to Beyrout. — Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over North China has moved rapidly southward, pressure being highest to the south of the Yangtse Valley. A depression is situated over South Japan moving north-eastward.

The Harbour authorities announce that the harbour will be closed to all shipping from 6.30 p.m. on April 11 to 6 a.m. on April 12.

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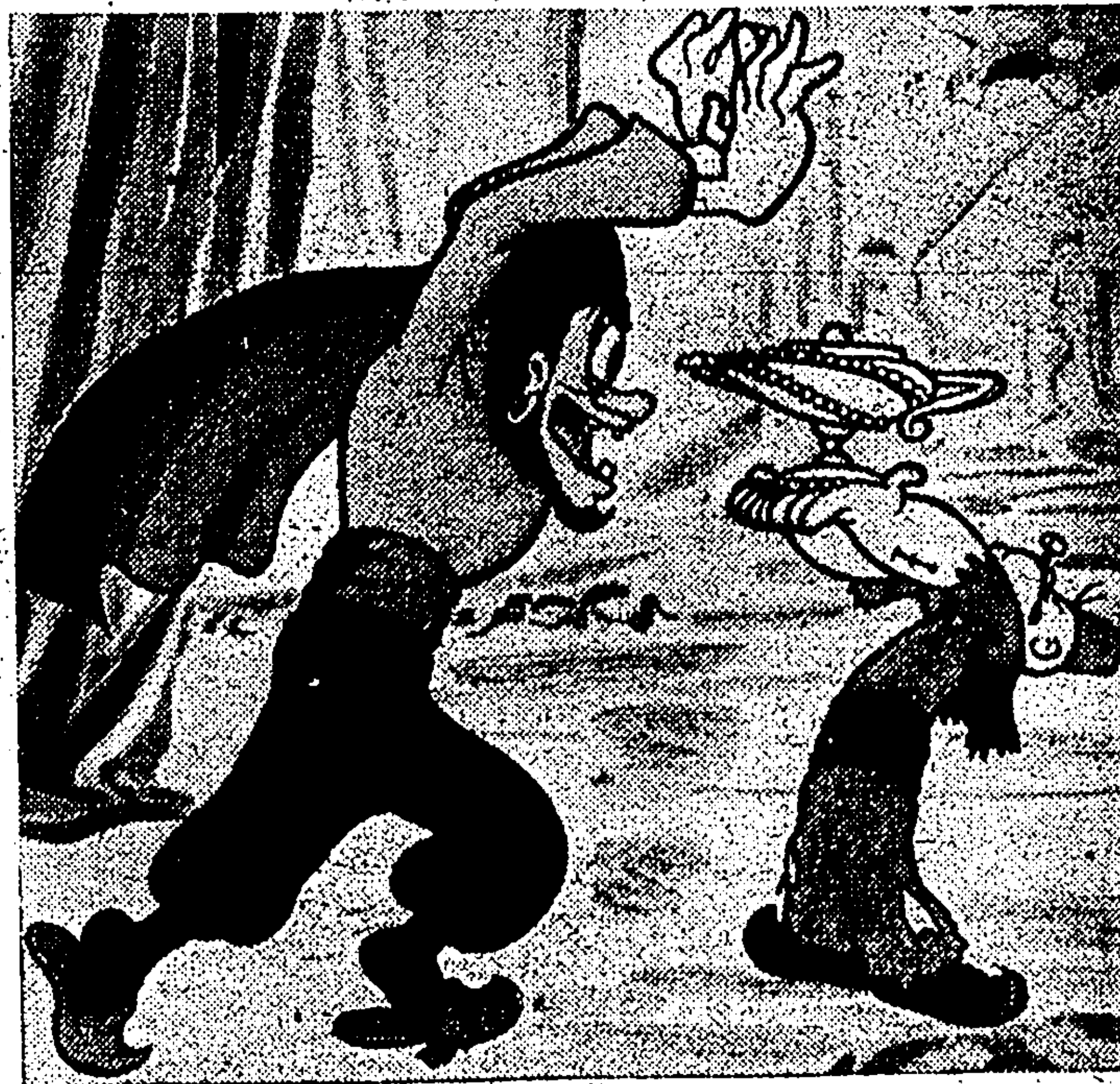
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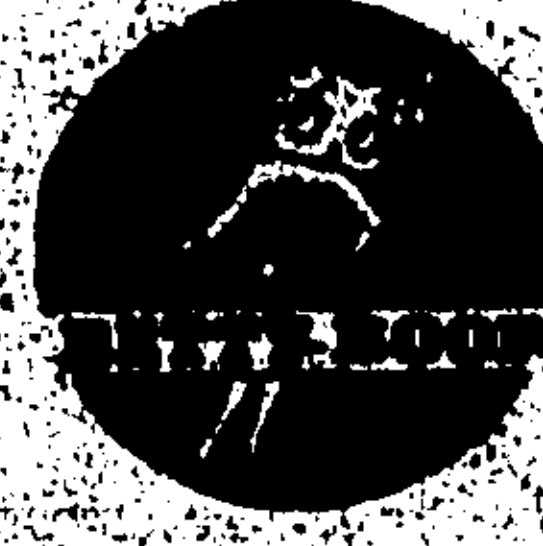
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VIOLENT AIR BATTLES SEEN FROM DUTCH BORDER

Amsterdam, To-day.

VIOLENT AIR BATTLES between German and Allied planes were watched by thousands of spectators at points along the Dutch frontier on Monday evening, it was revealed yesterday.

Dutch air patrols were sent up to protect Dutch neutrality.

People in many places in eastern and central Holland ran out of doors to see what was happening.

The rival planes—tiny black specks wheeling and manoeuvring in the clear sky—were clearly visible.

Anti-aircraft fire was heard from the German side of the frontier.

Great smokescreens drifted across the frontier, particularly in the neighbourhood of Zutphen.

Reports that the combatants flew over Dutch territory lack confirmation but the roar of aircraft engines continued well into the night.

ENORMOUS SEARCHLIGHTS

Watchers saw five enormous searchlights brought into action in the neighbourhood of Borken (just over the frontier from Arnhem) sweeping the sky unceasingly.

At one moment observers saw a plane caught in the beam and escape again after a series of breath-taking manoeuvres.—Reuter.

NAZI TERROR IN POLAND

Paris, To-day.

Further reports of alleged German methods of terror and extermination appear in the official Polish "Journal" published in Paris.

It is stated this terror attained its maximum intensity in the provinces "incorporated" into the German Reich. Average daily killings taking place in Warsaw during March are estimated at from 10 to 15.

People found on the streets of Warsaw later than 8 p.m. are shot.

TORTURE IN GAOLS

Torture is the order of the day in prisons and it is alleged that the Mayor of Bydgoszcz was ordered to clean motorcars belonging to the Gestapo by licking them. When he protested he was shot.

It is stated the Nazis are especially implacable against religious orders and congregations and Poles are not permitted to marry.—Reuter.

ALLIED PROPAGANDA COLLUSION

London, To-day.

Important decisions regarding Allied propaganda were reached yesterday when Sir John Reith and M. Frosard, the British and French Ministers of Information, met in London with members of their staffs.

Practical means of organising collaboration between the two Ministries were decided upon in every domain.

Sir John Reith announced that an officer was being appointed to co-ordinate the activities of the British Ministry of Information in Paris and to act as a close and constant channel of information between the two Ministries.

This officer will perform similar duties to those of the representative of the French Ministry working in London. Further meetings will be held alternatively in London and Paris.—Reuter.

TURKEY AND DARDANELLES

ANKARA, TO-DAY.

MAIN TOPIC IN THE PRESS IS THE REPORT, SUBSEQUENTLY FORMALLY DENIED IN LONDON, THAT THE ALLIES HAD ASKED TURKEY TO ALLOW THE PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS THROUGH THE DARDANELLES.

Responsible quarters emphasise Turkey's loyal adherence to all her pledges and that she will scrupulously observe the Montreux Convention and allow no belligerent warships to pass the Straits while she is outside the war.—Reuter.

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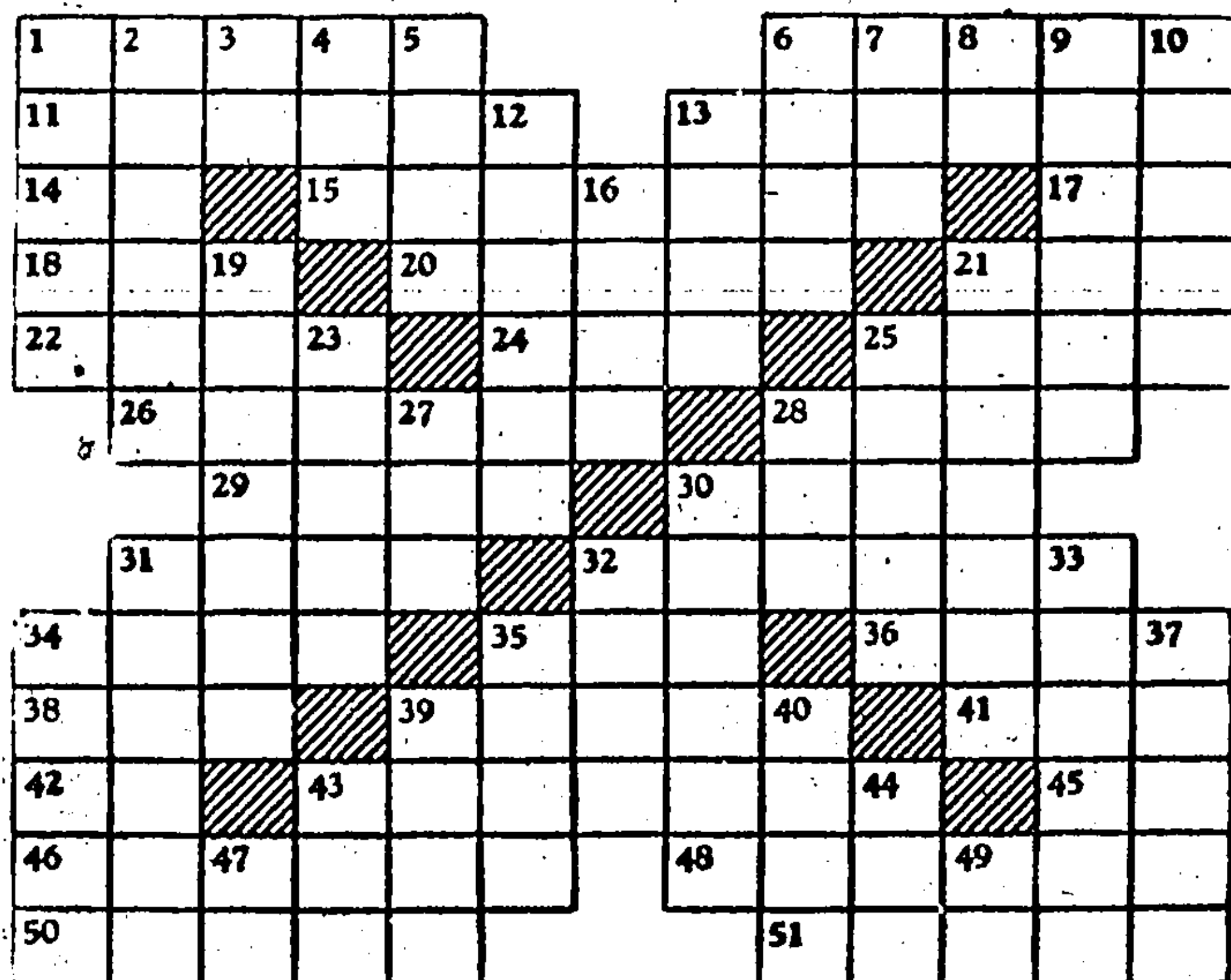
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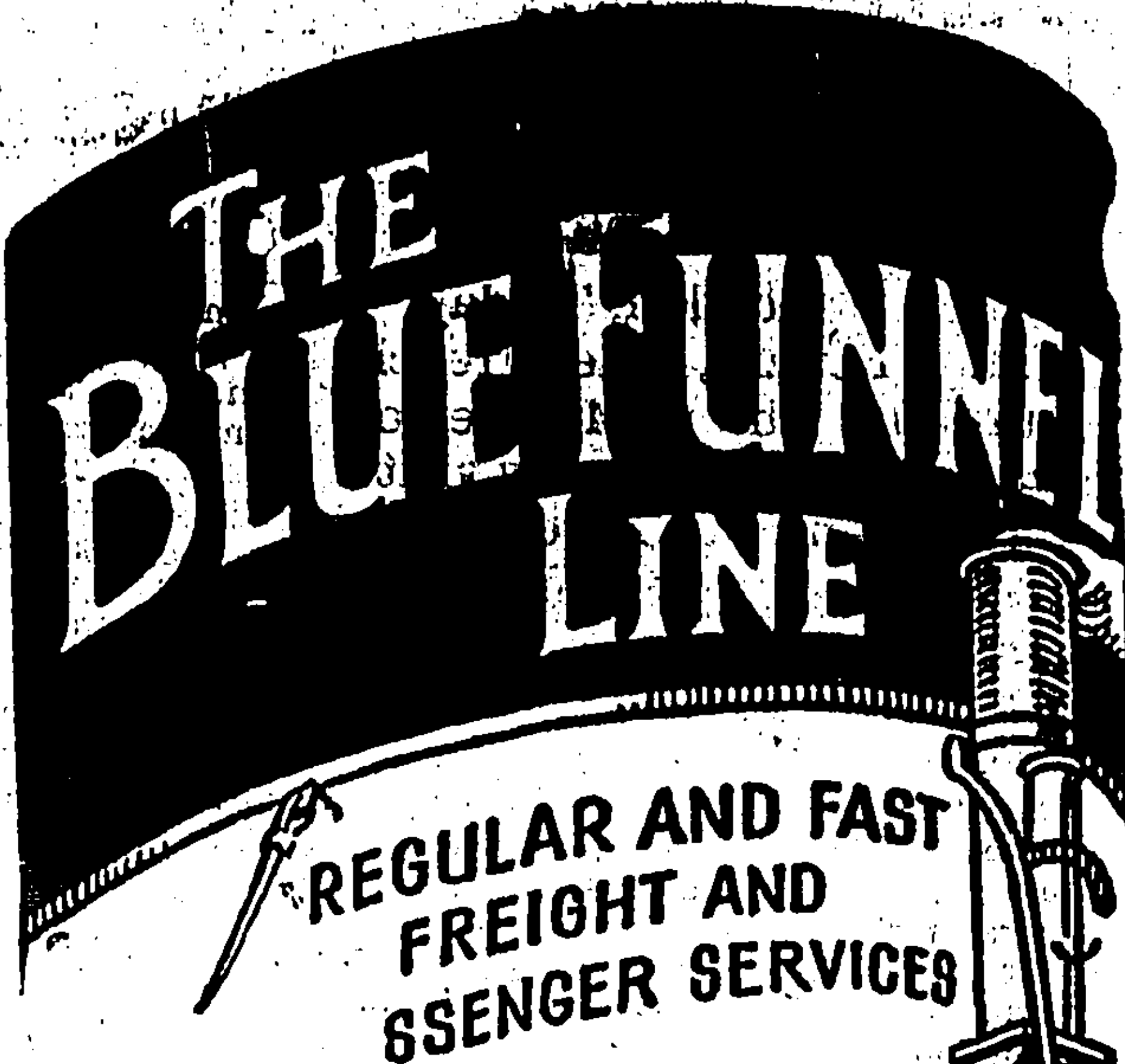
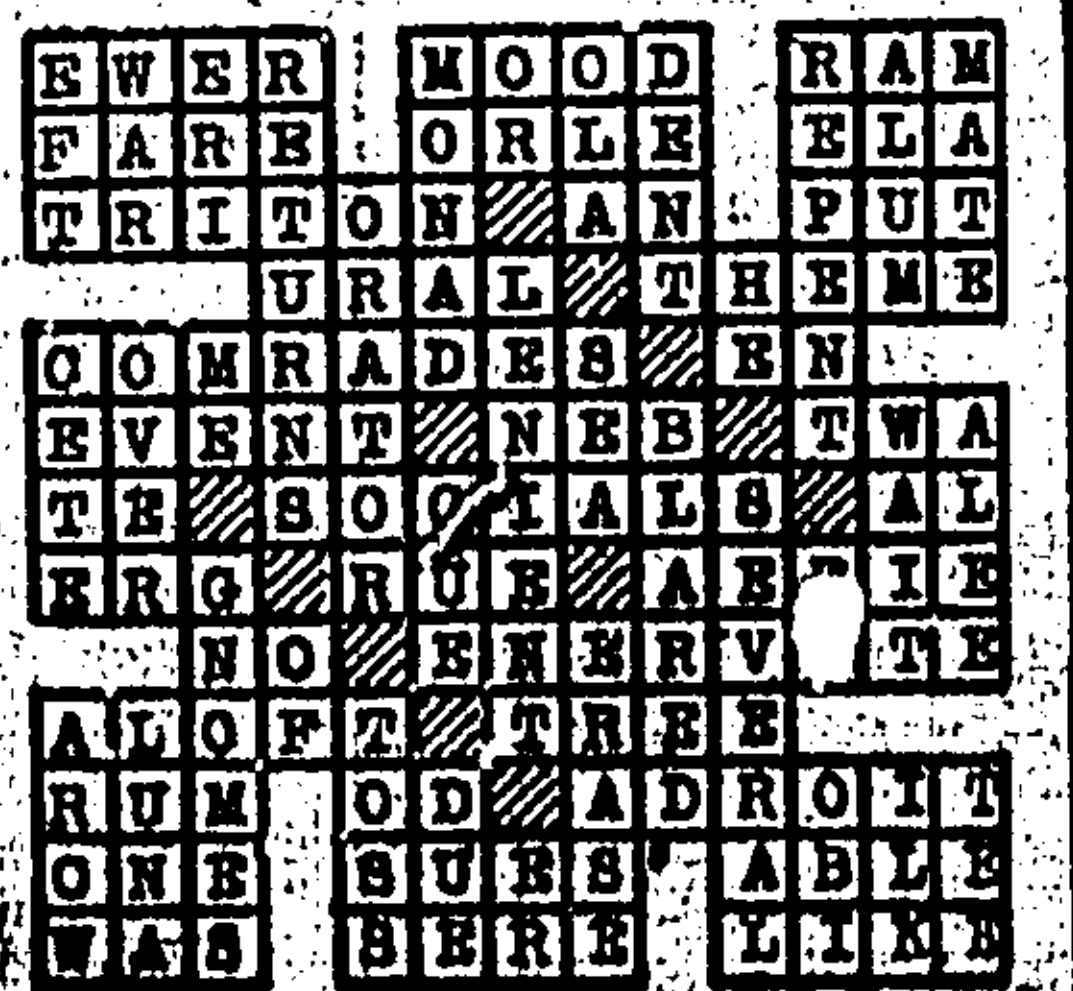
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- 1 Selected
- 6 Bishop's
headress
(variant)
- 11 Pondered
- 13 Delicacy
- 14 Artificial
language
- 15 Former pope
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 Bad
- 20 Month
- 21 Spanish hero
- 22 Bitter
cathartic
- 24 Clumsy person
- 25 Wings
- 26 Colloquial:
irritable
- 28 Precious stone
- 29 French: state
- 30 Prefix: across
- 31 Danish
measure
- 32 To run
- 34 In spite of
- 35 Because
- 36 Web
- 38 Portuguese
coin
- 39 Old name of
Canaan

VERTICAL

- 1 Water wheel
- 2 Sun god
- 3 Note of scale
- 4 Siamese
dynasty
- 5 Egyptian
weight
- 6 Kind of clay
- 7 Climbing plant
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 Arranged
like rays
- 10 To eat away
- 12 To exile
- 13 Close-fitting
hood
- 16 Colour
- 19 Rhine nymph
- 21 Sounded
- 23 To enlist in
- 25 Separated
- 27 Bring forth
- 28 Money of
account
- 30 Yarn
- 31 To retaliate for
- 32 Slang: whiskey
- 33 Absconded
- 34 Mountain
nymph
- 35 Doting
- 37 Positive: pole
- 38 Acute
- 40 Dill
- 43 Wooden pin
- 44 Musical
direction
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measure
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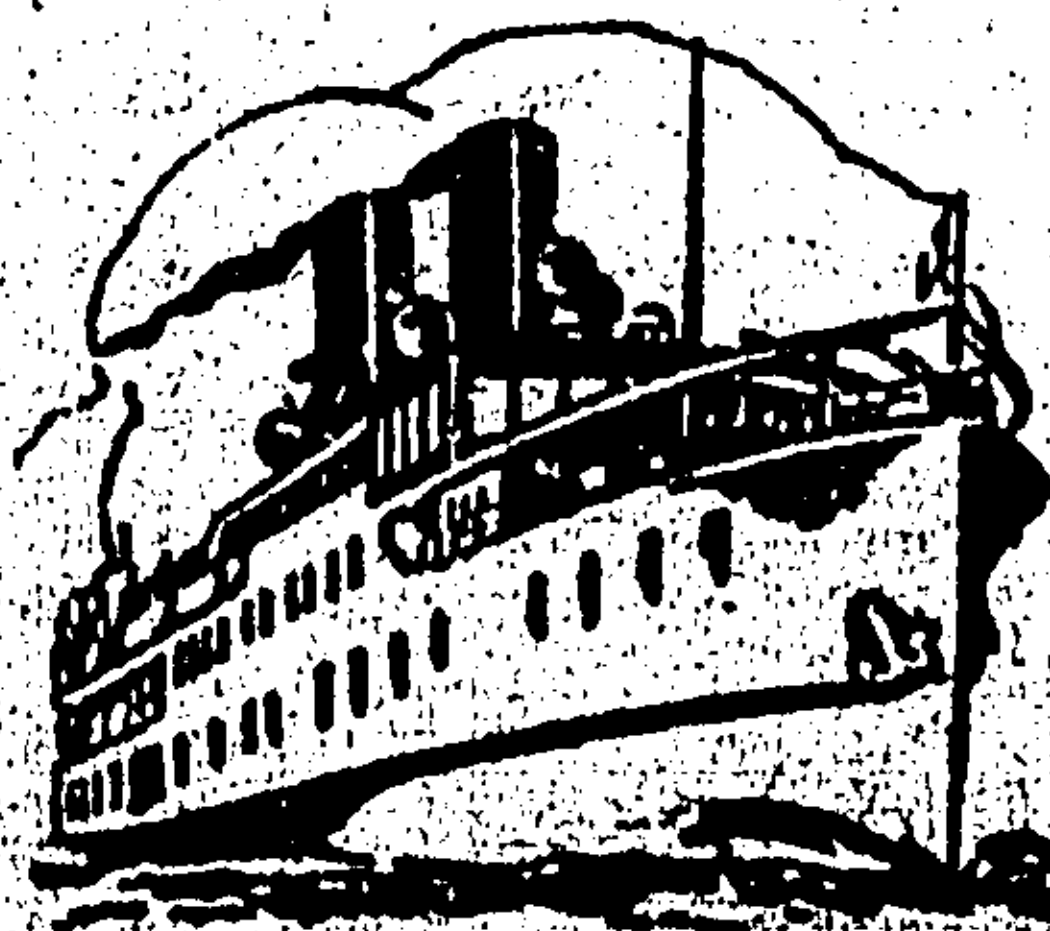
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FROSSARD MUCH IMPRESSED

London, To-day.

M. Frossard, the French journalist who is Minister of Information and is now visiting Britain, said yesterday that he was very much impressed by his tour of the Ministry of Information yesterday.

His tour included a visit to underground shelters where work can be carried on even while London is being air raided.

He had a long talk with Sir John Reith, the British Minister of Information, and staff members of both Ministries were present.

Sir John later announced that a British official will be sent to Paris to act as direct contact between the two Ministries. Both he and M. Frossard will meet at regular intervals in London and Paris. — Reuter.

JUST THREE MONTHS LATE!

London, To-day.

An announcement in German to Germany from the Deutschlandsender radio station to the effect that the sinking of the British ship Gowrie had only just become known through an accidental reference in the English Press, was accompanied by the statement, "Mr. Churchill has concealed this loss and even now it has not been admitted by the First Lord of the British Admiralty."

The sinking of this small ship of 689 tons, unarmed and sailing independently, by two German aircraft was, in fact, announced in an Admiralty communique on January 9th.

On the same day, two Danish ships, also sailing independently, were attacked and sunk by German aircraft with a loss of ten Danish lives. — British Wireless.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY FIRM

London, To-day.

Quietly firm conditions characterised yesterday's Stock Exchange markets in which gilt-edged securities slowly improved while rayons were further bought by provincial investors.

Gold-minings were higher on general buying.

Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

ARMAMENTS CENSUS

London, To-day.

The census of British workers in armament and export industries began yesterday, to enable the Government to learn the allocation of the man-power for an intensified war drive. The figures will not be made public, since they will indicate the extent of Britain's war effort and prove of value, therefore, to the enemy. — Reuter.

"The Times" says "The Ministry has taken an essential step in ordering the census of the labour force in the engineering, motor and aircraft and shipbuilding and ship repairing industries."

The census will apply to all firms in these industries, both great and small, and none will be too insignificant to escape the notice of local Ministry of Labour officials who will issue prescribed forms and collect the required information.

WHERE AND ON WHAT

When the returns are in they will give the numbers of workpeople engaged on Government work, on export work and on work for the home market, and will show what numbers of skilled men are employed and what numbers are semi-skilled and unskilled.

There are already difficulties in finding skilled men and many more new factories are to be brought into production presently.

Besides manpower, the census will also give some additional knowledge of productive power.

When collated and analysed, the returns will tell what the available manpower is and where it is, and what the productive power is and for what it is being used. — British Wireless.

JOCKEY CLUB'S BIG CHEQUES

The Hong Kong Jockey Club to-day despatched cheques for \$61,250 each to the British War Organization Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, being a contribution to these Funds as a result of the Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby, 1940.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-1/4 spot and 20-3/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$357-3/4.

Dr. J. C. Pyne, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported the theft of a rug from his car, No. 6071, in Nathan Road yesterday.

SHIPPING LOSSES KEEP LOW

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LOSSES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION FOR THE WEEK ENDING 31ST MARCH WERE ONE BRITISH SHIP (DAGHESTAN, 5,742 TONS) AND FOUR NEUTRALS TOTALLING 8,159 TONS.

The neutral ships include two Norwegian, the Burgos and Cometa, the Danish, Britta, and the Dutch, Protinus. Burgos was in convoy when struck a mine and sank. The British Barnhill, 5,439 tons, bombed last week and set on fire, is now considered a total loss.

This week's total losses were the lowest since the first of the year and the fourth lowest since the commencement of hostilities.

They represent only one-third of the average weekly losses throughout the 30 weeks since the war began and only one-tenth of the average weekly losses during the first seven months of 1917.

Up to noon on 29th March, 29 ships had been lost in British convoys out of total of 14,934 British, Allied and neutral ships convoyed or one in 515. Only three neutral ships were lost in convoy out of 2,215 or one in 738. — British Wireless.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT FOR B.W.O.F.

A Military Band Concert will be given in the Lounge of the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday, April 21, from 9 to 11 p.m., by the Band of the Middlesex Regiment, under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Kifford, A.R.C.M.

Included in the programme will be outstanding local vocalists, and the entertainment should prove worthy of the purpose, namely The British War Organisation Fund.

To augment the funds, a programme is being compiled which will be on sale, and an admission charge of \$1 will be made.

NO RADIO LICENCE

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for possession of a radio-set without a licence, Leung Sang, residing in Kremer Street, was fined \$25.

Wireless Inspector J. Key, prosecuting, said that a licence was issued on the day following his visit.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, pleading guilty, said his client had, on the day previous to Inspector Key's visit, applied for a licence, but was not given it that day.

Mr. E. A. Hill, of "Carlton," Pokfulam Road, has reported the loss of a black leather wallet containing money and keys, while walking in Conduit Path on Sunday.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1490 sa.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$230 s.

Union Ins. \$508 s., \$510 sa.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$182 b., \$185 s., \$185 sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

China Rights \$21½ b., \$22 s., \$21½ sa.

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H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.10 b.

H.K. Lands \$37 sa.

H.K. Rights \$6¼ sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17½ sa.

China Lights (Old) \$8.20 s., \$8.10 sa.

H.K. Electric \$85 b., \$85¼ sa.

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NAZI'S DENY EL CIERVO STORY

Berlin, To-day.

Authoritative circles, commenting on the belief that the El Ciervo sank a U-boat near Trinidad, state that no German U-boat has been in that area. — Reuter.

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Mr. Scott-Harston was supported by Messrs. T. E. Pearce, A. L. Shields, Li Tse-fong and J. Taggart, directors, and R. Taylor, acting secretary.

The chairman said:—

I desire to record on behalf of your Board an expression of deep regret at the recent passing of two of the oldest and most respected members of your company's Staff, who retired on pension during the years 1938 and 1939. I refer to the late Mr. Manuel Augusto Figueredo, who joined the service of the company on January 1, 1908, in the capacity of accountant, and retired on September 30, 1939, after 32 years loyal service. Mr. Figueredo unfortunately passed away on December 28 last. The other member to whom I desire to refer is the late Mr. Oscar Mirandolindo dos Santos Oliveira, who entered the Company's service on July 1, 1899, in the capacity of chief clerk at the Hok Un Works, and after 38 years faithful service retired on pension on December 31, 1938, and, to our great regret, passed away on February 12 of the current year. The heart-felt sympathy of your board is extended to the widows and relatives of these two gentlemen, to which sympathy your board has given practical effect by capitalizing on an actuarial basis (for the benefit of the dependents) the pensions which, in more fortunate circumstances, would have been paid to the two gentlemen in question.

PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION

On reference to the credit side of the profit and loss account, it will be observed that the balance brought in from working account amounted to \$637,224.14, as against a figure of \$404,135.64 under the similar heading for the preceding year, thus recording an increase of \$233,088.50.

On the contra—or debit—side of this account the figures under the respective headings are, more or less, self explanatory. I would, however, draw your attention to the fact that this year provision has been made covering depreciation to the extent of \$76,454 in regard to amortization of the plant, machinery and floating craft—this being the first occasion whereon reintroduction of this debit item has appeared in the accounts since the drastic writing down effected in the re-organization of the finances of the company undertaken in the year 1934, when, as you will doubtless recollect, the relative capital assets were written down by some \$3,000,000.

After debiting recurring charges, together with a donation of \$2,000.00 to the British War Organization Fund, the balance carried to the credit of profit and loss appropriation account amounts to \$551,116.10, as against \$404,615.62 for the previous financial period, and, taken in conjunction with the sum of \$124,778.22, brought forward from the previous year, makes available for appropriation a total of \$675,894.32, which your board recommends be allocated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1 per share on 195,494 shares:	\$195,494.00
To pay a bonus of \$0.75 per share on 195,494 shares:	146,620.50
To Transfer to general reserve account, bringing same up to \$1,000,000:	150,000.00
To distribute a bonus to staff:	17,397.00
To carry forward to the financial year 1940:	166,382.82
Total:	\$675,894.32



Studious Sue allows that a fund of knowledge is an asset if it pops to the fore when needed.

and I trust that such recommendation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

IMPROVED POSITION

Turning to the balance sheet, on the assets side thereof, I would direct your attention to the items Stocks in hand, standing at \$1,454,657.09—which figure, when taken in conjunction with those of sundry debtors \$189,508.29, Investments as at market value on the 31st December, 1939, \$319,415.00, together with cash in hand and at credit of current account \$99,290.29, makes a total of \$2,062,870.67. This last mentioned figure, less that of sundry creditors on the contra side of the balance sheet, amounting to \$220,995.38, represents an excess in current assets of \$1,835,905.29 over liabilities, or an improvement of \$359,659.35 over the resultant figure covering similar headings for the previous year, thus registering a considerable improvement in the liquid position of the company, which I venture to think shareholders will regard with satisfaction.

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet the only items appearing to call for explanation relate to the adjustments effected in the reserves. In this connection it will be noticed that, whereas the general reserve stood at a figure of \$1,150,000 in the last published Accounts, i.e. as at December 31, 1938, your Board during the year under review decided to inaugurate a depreciation reserve by transferring the sum of \$300,000 from the general reserve to the credit of the depreciation reserve so inaugurated, thus reducing the general reserve to \$850,000. Your Board further decided to augment the depreciation reserve by allotting thereto from the profit and loss account for the year 1939, (as already referred to), a sum of \$76,454—which reserve, therefore, now stands in the accounts at \$376,454. Should the appropriations submitted for your consideration—all of which have been incorporated in the accounts now before you—be ratified, general reserve will stand at a figure of \$1,000,000, owing to the addition of the sum of \$150,000 allocated to that account from the profits of the year under review.

EFFECT OF ADJUSTMENT

The effect of the proposed adjustment of the reserves is to reduce the net book value of the plant, machinery and floating craft to \$842,934.36, which your Board think may be regarded as an exceedingly conservative figure, when compared with the original capital investment, and the residual life values of the relative assets. Whilst on this subject I would add that, in view of the materially improved financial position of the Company, your Board contemplates that in future depreciation of these particular assets shall again form an annual charge on profits, which policy, I have no doubt, will meet with the approval of shareholders, in view of the fact that under the altered financial circumstances of the company, the inclusion of such a charge in arriving at production costs is legitimate and advisable under the ethical principles of orthodox accountancy.

Turning to the investments and exchange fluctuation reserve, it will be noted that in conforming to the purpose for which such reserve was created, this account has been utilised as an adjusting medium against the fluctuation in market values of the invested funds of the company. In consequence our investments are included in the assets at a figure which represents the market values thereof ruling at December 31, 1939, thus affording a truer conception of the liquid position, at the close of the financial year.

RAW MATERIAL STOCKS

It will be observed from the figure of \$1,454,657.09, at credit of the heading relating thereto, that a substantial increase during the year has been effected in the stocks of raw material on hand at your Hok Un Works. This is in conformity with the policy of your Board to maintain supplies at a volume capable of meeting, as far as possible, any emergency which may arise. In this connection, reviewing contracts already entered upon and those in prospect, it will doubtless be a source of satisfaction to shareholders to learn that the company has "in situ" at the present time at Hok Un Works over 140,000 tons of limestone, 8,000 tons of coal and 5,000 tons of gypsum, which stocks, taken in conjunction with further supplies due to arrive under contracts recently entered into, should provide adequate resources for the operation of your works at maximum output during an approximate period of two years. It will be appreciated, however, that prices of all raw material, together with rates covering maritime tonnage in particular, have advanced considerably, and owing to the prevalent hostilities in Europe, there appears little prospect of any amelioration of these conditions; rather is it indicated that higher figures may be anticipated. In dealing with this aspect vis-a-vis production costs, I may say that it has been the policy of your Directors in the past, and one to which they propose to conform in the future, to endeavour to maintain retail prices at as low a level as is reasonably

JACK-THE-JOKER, M.P., TO RETIRE

Jack Jones, "beloved rebel" of the House of Commons, is to bid farewell to Westminster because of ill-health and failing eyesight. Mr. Jones, Socialist M.P. for Silvertown, London, E., since 1918, has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds.

He is at present in bed at his home in Plaistow, London, E., with a chill.

Mr. Jones, who is sixty-six, has been described as "the most chucked-out M.P."

He has been recognised as one of the parliamentary humorists ever since his maiden speech.

This began with "Gentlemen . . ."

Called to order, he apologised and added he had made a "mistake in calling them 'gentlemen.'"

possible commensurate with production costs, which latter are perforce materially influenced by the factors to which I have referred.

HOK UN PLANT

Notwithstanding the heavy calls made upon it, owing to the constant call for a maximum output, your plant at Hok Un has been well maintained and continues to function to the complete satisfaction of your technical staff; also I am pleased to be able to state that your manufactured product maintains that high degree of quality which is actually in excess of the exacting requirements demanded under the British Standard Specification—a standard which has been synonymous with the name of "Green Island Cement" during the past 50 years, an achievement only made possible by the possession of a plant and equipment which will bear favourable comparison with any lay-out of a similar nature elsewhere, supported by the vigilant surveillance at all times exercised by your Mechanical and Laboratory Staff.

In the foregoing circumstances, and in expressing profound appreciation of the unfailing devotion of your manager, Mr. Taylor, and his staff to the interests of the company, I feel confident that shareholders will endorse the proposal of your board to implement such expression in a practical manner by voting to the Staff a bonus of 15 per cent on their salaries for the year under review.

TRIBUTE TO MR. TAGGART

I wish to refer to another important matter in connection with the conduct of your Company's business, namely, the fact that your Board—pursuant to, and consonant with, the powers vested in it under your Company's Articles of Association—recently unanimously appointed Mr. Taggart to the post of Managing Director of the company—an appointment which your Board consider not only necessary, but also highly desirable from every point of view.

As most, if not all, of the company's shareholders are aware, Mr. Taggart has during the past ten years taken very considerable interest in the welfare of the company, and has, in fact, been responsible, more than any other director, for the conduct of its affairs. He also may, I think, be accorded the credit of having, by his financial acumen and business instinct, saved the company from the disaster of liquidation, with which it was imminently threatened in 1934.

During practically the whole of the past 10 years, and more especially since 1934, Mr. Taggart has kept in constant daily touch with our most efficient manager, Mr. Taylor—who is also our present acting secretary—in regard to the innumerable details connected with the business of the company, such as the surveillance of current expenses, the making of contracts for the supply of raw materials and the maintenance of the Plant and equipment. Furthermore, Mr. Taggart has periodically prepared and circulated to his Co-Directors tabulated Statements containing minute details of account in reference to turnover, sales, etc.

The whole of the foregoing has been undertaken by Mr. Taggart voluntarily and without any remuneration other than that received by him as an ordinary director of the company—which latter position the Board propose, as a matter of common equity, to rectify very shortly.

In recording these facts I desire to express on behalf of the Board and myself, and also—as I consider I may fairly do—on behalf of the Shareholders, our deep appreciation of all that Mr. Taggart has done in the above regard.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, said: "I have every confidence that I am voicing

GORT'S PRAISE OF SAPPERS

The following appeared in general routine orders issued by Gen. Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief:

"During a heavy gale and under icy conditions a ship moored to a quay was in grave danger of breaking loose.

"For an hour a detachment of No. 1 Docks Group, Royal Engineers, consisting of Maj. H. W. Ellis, Sgt. Pallett and Sappers James and Williamson, worked with devotion under these intense conditions, soaked to the skin by icy rain and with total disregard of self."

GAS-MASK OVERHAUL

Plans are in preparation for an overhaul of Britain gas-masks. Many of these were issued in September, 1938, and may not have received since then the care they required.

Apart from cases of perished rubber or cracked eyepieces, other faults may have developed without the owners being aware of the fact.

It is proposed to establish a servicing organisation throughout the country, largely furnished by A.R.P. wardens. They are already trained in the inspection and care of gas-masks, and will be capable, with their staffs of effecting minor repairs and readjustments.

ing the views of shareholders, when I state that we have listened with no little interest to the lucid and comprehensive survey which you—Mr. Chairman—have just given us covering the financial position and general activities of our undertaking.

That this company has been enabled to surmount the difficulties with which it was beset some seven years ago and, despite the vicissitudes encountered, to attain to the position of financial strength and solidity, as recorded in your instructive resume and evidenced by the accounts with which we are presented, is no mean tribute to the tenacity of purpose and able management of those to whom the administration of its affairs have been entrusted, covering a protracted period of considerable difficulty, and on behalf of shareholders I desire to congratulate the Board of Directors on the measure of success that has attended their efforts, as evidenced by the remarkably fine showing displayed by the figures now placed before us, which reflect great credit on those concerned.

In this connection I particularly desire to associate myself with the well-deserved tribute made to Mr. Taggart whose work on our behalf since he joined the Board is largely responsible for the sound position our company is in to-day. In these abnormal times when important decisions affecting our company have to be made without loss of time I feel the Board have been wise in electing him Managing Director.

BONUS FOR STAFF

It must be a further source of considerable satisfaction to learn that our plant at Hok Un has been working at maximum capacity during the past year, and that notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, resultant upon prevailing world wide conditions, arrangements have been effected to ensure an adequate supply of raw material to our factory, thus making possible continuity of output against any contingency likely to arise. Whilst dealing with this aspect of our activities it is but fitting that those responsible for the maintenance of our plant and equipment should receive some tangible recognition of their efforts, and the additional responsibilities devolving upon them. In the circumstances, I feel confident that shareholders will be in accord with me in supporting the recommendation covering the payment of a bonus to the Staff, whose energies and loyalty to the interests of the company have contributed so materially to the results with which we are to-day presented.

The appointment of Mr. A. Morse as director was confirmed, and Messrs. Shields and Scott-Harston were re-elected directors, while Linstead and Davis and Lowe, Birmingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the year at \$1,000 each.

A rickshaw coolie, Sze Chi-sau, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday after being knocked down by a car in Arsenal Street.

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Relay Of Talk By Minister Of Economic Warfare

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Good Old Songs of the Good Old Days.
Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey;
The Ship I Love; Git yer 'air Cut;
Champagne Charlie; After the Ball; Break the News to Mother; Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay; In the Good Old Summertime; My Gal is a High-Born Lady; Little Alabama Coon; I can't tell why I love you; Goodbye, Dolly Grey... The Big Four (Vocal Quartet) with Piano.
The One-Horse Shay (Trad.)... The Gay Nineties Singers with Orch.
Meet Me To-night in Dreamland; Hitchy Koo; You Made Me Love

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

You; Ev'ry Little While; Never Mind; Good-bye-ee... The Old Timers with Orchestra.
Minstrel Memories of Christy Minstrel Days (Scott Gatty). Intro: Click, Clack, De Ringtail'd Coon; De Ole Banjo; Goodnight... The Minstrel Singers with Banjo Band.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Ina Souez (Soprano). Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby')

Dyrenforth & Smith); Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'—Bowdon & Besly); Love Everlasting (Friml); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)... with Orchestral accompaniment.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"I am a Jew". A play produced by Howard Rose.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Talk on "The Empire at War" recorded by The Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald.

Schumann Symphony And Variety Programme

9.45 p.m.—Variety with George Formby, Elsie and Doris Waters and Others.
10.15 p.m.—A Chopin Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
Nocturne in B Flat Minor, Op. 9, No. 1.
Andante Spianato, Op. 22.
Polonaise-Fantaisie No. 7 in A Flat Major, Op. 61.
10.35 p.m.—Schumann—Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 120. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment". Talk by Minister of Economic Warfare.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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GOOD BREAKS

Jerome Scheuer of Boston writes: "Here is a hand-in which I achieved an unusual result. Although my opponents held a majority of the high cards, I made a three-notrump contract, due largely to the fact that I was able to prevent East from obtaining the lead. I admit that my two-notrump bid was somewhat optimistic, but my partner's raise to game was even more sanguine."

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K J 9 8 5 2
♠ A Q 2
♥ Q 9 4
♦ A J 6 5 3
♣ A 7
N
W
E
S
♠ J 10 8 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ 6 2
♣ 10 4
♠ 9 7 3
♥ K 8 6
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 10 6 4
Mr. Scheuer.

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ 2♠ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT Pass Pass

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0

"West opened his fourth-best diamond and I captured East's ten. I led a low club, and when West ducked, went right up with the King. This was the critical play. I felt certain that West held the Ace, and from the general distribution, it appeared that the suit would be evenly divided. Furthermore, it was an absolute necessity to prevent East from obtaining the lead. I then returned the suit, telling the Ace and Queen together. West shifted to a heart, which I won with my King. I then led a spade. West

again ducked and when dummy's King won, I had my ninth trick. Pretty lucky, but it pays to be optimistic."

We agree with Mr. Scheuer that optimism often pays dividends, but feel that we should caution him against attempting too many contracts of this type. If, for example, East had held the Ace of spades, we shudder to think how many tricks the contract would have been set.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ 10 x x
♥ K Q J x x
♦ K Q x x x
♣ K Q x x x

The bidding:

You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
Pass Pass 1NT Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your strong two-suiter justifies this bid, which is forcing to game. Five diamonds or clubs should be safe, and a Slam is quite possible. Score 100 per cent. for three diamonds, 50 per cent. for two diamonds (inadequate and may be passed), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 374.

Oswald Jacoby is your partner and you hold:

♠ x
♥ K Q 10 x x
♦ A x x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

You Maier Jacoby Maier
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♥ 1♠ 2♠ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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NUISANCE VALUE IN AIR PATROLS

London, To-day.

Reports of the recent R.A.F. Bomber Command patrol flights over the German seaplane bases of Borkum, Norderney and Sylt, make plain the nuisance value of these almost nightly visits.

As soon as our aircraft approach the seaplane bases lights, here and there, begin to go out. By the time the patrol is overhead a strict blackout has been enforced.

Sometimes the patrol has to be maintained in the face of fierce fire from anti-aircraft guns cooperating with searchlights. On other occasions, resistance is less sustained.

On a recent flight, one pilot encountered anti-aircraft fire which appeared to come from batteries placed evenly along the coast. Later it ran into a heavy concentration of searchlights and was at once subjected to intense fire. The pilot of another aircraft reported patrolling the island of Borkum for nearly half an hour without opposition. Elsewhere, the enemy was also quiet.

Another pilot spent over 40 minutes

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SCUTTling

London, To-day.

The German freighter Mimi Horn, of 4,000 tons, which scuttled herself when interceded in the Atlantic by British warships last week, left the Dutch West Indies on March 4.

Her crew are all safe.—Reuter.

*** The Mimi Horn, of 4,007 tons, was built in 1928. An oil-burner, she was 314 feet long, and one of the largest vessels of a small fleet of merchant ships owned by H. C. Horn, of Hamburg.

JOHORE'S GIFT

Singapore, To-day.


The State Council of Johore, one of the Unfederated Malay States, is increasing existing taxes and brought in new ones to provide an annual contribution of £200,000 for the Imperial exchequer.—Reuter.

LEE'S WEDDING

Stanley Lee, the interport swimmer, will be married to Miss Pemberton-Paglar on Thursday week.

trying to reach his objective after evading an enemy aircraft which was presumably reporting his course to the German ground defences. The enemy was eventually eluded and the patrol carried out successfully though a little late.

Nearly every report contains the encouraging statement: "There was no failure of equipment and the aircraft behaved perfectly."—British Wireless.



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THRILLING RECOVERY

Smith, Eardley Score 7 Aces On One Service

WONG AND AU ENTER FINAL

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH THE STANDARD never reached great heights the badminton at Recreio last night, when Patrick H. Wong and C. Au entered the final of the singles championship, was interesting, with a thrilling interlude in the closing stages when Eardley and Smith, with one service down, reeled off a succession of seven aces to get within striking distance.

The Chinese "Y" pair won 15-6, 6-15 and 15-12.

There was a large crowd present to see a match of fluctuating fortunes. Following the first game it appeared any odds on Wong and Au winning with the utmost ease. Eardley was very shaky and his combination with Smith left much to be desired. The Chinese on the other hand missed few opportunities and forced the opposition on the defensive all the time.

Thus one saw both the Chinese players smashing from all parts of the court, while Eardley and Smith rushed around determinedly retrieving as and when they could. For the most part the rallies ended when the British pair eventually sent over a weak return for one of their opponents waiting at the net to kill in no uncertain manner.

The second game was in complete contrast. The Chinese pair appeared over-confident and were inclined to indulge in a fancy shot whenever the opportunity arose. This nearly proved disastrous. By this time Eardley had found his touch and gave Smith the support which was badly lacking in the first game.

LINE-UP VALUE

For the first time also, the efficacy of the side-by-side line-up, which the St. John's pair adopted throughout, made itself apparent. Au and Wong maintained their previous tactics in trying to smash the opposition off the court but in this game they could find no flaws in their combination and smashes were returned regularly and, as the game progressed, with a very good idea of where they were going.

The eventual winners became flustered. Their smashes started to clear the sidelines, their clearing shots were too steamy and they were given no time to produce their drops.

In very little time Eardley and Smith took the game and appeared to have the match well in hand.

This was borne out in the opening stages of the final game. The Chinese had still not recovered their confidence and smashed either into the net or out of court to concede three aces in next to no time. Then came a noticeable change in their tactics. They eschewed the smash almost entirely and concentrated on the short game, only going for the kill when it meant a certain point. By these means they once again took control; Eardley once again struck one of his erratic patches and the Chinese went along comfortably to lead 11-4 and 14-5. Once again they became over-confident and allowed their concentration to lapse.

FINE EFFORT

The St. John's pair, fighting desperately, took full advantage of the respite and, with one service down, won ace after ace. Their fine effort came to an end when they had drawn up to within two aces, however, and although Wong and Au lost one service, they clinched the game and the match with the other to conclude a most interesting game.

Smith was probably the most consistent player on the court. He did not go in for anything fancy, concentrating on getting everything back to the best possible advantage. His clearing was very accurate—deep along the sidelines—and his smashing severe.

Eardley, at times showed of what he is really capable but for some reason last night, he made some of the most foolish errors at vital periods and was never sure of himself when dealing with drives. His service was not impressive and received scant respect from the Chinese.

WONG'S DROPS

Wong was at his best in the last game when he brought those cunningly angled drops of his into operation. He too was erratic and made more mistakes in the course of the match than I have ever seen him guilty of.

Au assumed a junior role in the partnership but played his usual brainy game. In all respects he was reliable although he too never reached any great heights of brilliance.

Au and Wong will now meet the winners of the Oliveira-Silva v Yong Chew match, to be played at K.C.C. to-night, in the final.

LEAGUE MATCHES

Following is to-night's programme of League Badminton matches:—

King's v. V. R. C.

St. Andrew's v. Recreio

King's College:—H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui; K. H. Lo and T. Lam; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung.

St. Andrew's:—H. Kew and E. F. Fincher; B. Gillies and A. E. Brown; A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss.

Recreio:—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros; R. A. Marquest and H. Gonsalves; N. Beltrao and W. Lawrence.

Kowloon Tong have conceded a walk-over to St. John's.

ANOTHER WIN FOR 'VARSITY

In Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League last night, University beat Recreio "B" by 8-1.

P. S. Bun and Miss U. Khoo (Univ.) beat C. Pereira and Miss M.

Xavier 21-2

beat H. Gonsalves and Miss S. Remedios 21-4

beat N. Beltrao and Mrs. E. Souza 21-5

H. F. Chew and Miss Uheng Khoo (Univ.)

beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-18

lost to Gonsalves and Miss Remedios 16-21

beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-15

K. L. Yong and Miss K. J. Hung (Univ.)

beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-14

beat Gonsalves and Miss Remedios 21-15

beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-1

MEISE WINS S'HAI TITLE

Shanghai, Friday.—After losing his Singles Badminton title to Henry Eardley last year, A. G. Meise made an excellent come-back last night at the French Club courts to regain his championship when he defeated William Fung, the Chinese finalist from the outstanding Flying Shuttles team, in fine style by 15-13, 15-11. The tussle was as close as the scores indicate and it was Meise's experience which stood him in good stead during critical stages of the match. In both games, his youthful opponent went off to a quick start, but Meise crept up and overtook Fung each time to gain a straight-set victory.

The opening match of the evening proved to be a hard struggle for the Ladies' Doubles title with Miss Holwill and Mrs. Sinclair emerging triumphant over Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Maitland by 18-17, 18-15. The match was one of the most exciting of the evening as the score was tied on numerous occasions and long sets had to be played off when the teams tied at 13-13 on two occasions.

The third of the titles to be decided yesterday at the C.S.F. was the Ladies' Singles when Mrs. Hubbard showed fine form to take the championship despite opposition from Mrs. Maitland in two sets by 11-4, 13-10.

SUPERB DISPLAY

A superb display was again witnessed in the Markers' Exhibition when the C.S.F. representatives took the measure of the Country Club markers by 15-12, 15-6. The players in this encounter drew rounds of applause from the spectators, their variety of strikes being extremely impressive.

COLONY CHESS

Following are results of matches played last week in the Colony Chess Championship:—

K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Biriukoff.

D. E. de Carvalho beat L. Blair.

Sir H. Pollock beat K. M. A. Barnett.

E. Zimmern beat V. V. Kalatchoff.

The position of the players are as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	9	8	0	1	8
K. M. A. Barnett	8	6	0	2	6
Sir H. Pollock	9	5	2	2	6
B. S. Litvin	9	6	0	3	6
K. Weiss	9	5	1	3	5½
D. E. de Carvalho	9	4	1	4	4½
A. Kurrik	8	3	1	4	3½
A. Biriukoff	8	1	2	5	2
L. Blair	8	1	0	7	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	9	0	1	8	½

Royal Mail Injured

London, To-day.

Royal Mail strained a ligament during a training gallop and will not be running in the Grand National.—Reuter.



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SPORT CROWDS GROW BIGGER EVERY WEEK IN WAR-TIME ENGLAND

London, March 16.

One "extra hour" of Summer Time . . . and this is what happens:

ATTENDANCES at football matches and race meetings have increased fourfold. They are still growing.

Six races arranged for the Windsor meeting yesterday had to be increased to eight.

There were 300 entries and nearly 150 runners.

The flat-race season opens on Easter Monday at Hurst Park and Birmingham. For the Hurst Park meeting alone 240 horses have been entered. There are six National Hunt meetings on the same day.

The receipts from the first Rugby international match played in war-time (between England and Wales at Cardiff) exceeded £5,000, of which £3,000 was taken at the gate. A return match takes place at Gloucester on April 13.

Birmingham "Reprieve"

The new cup competition for Football League clubs begins on the same date, and arrangements are already contemplated for a final tie crowd in June (possibly at Wembley) of 50,000.

Birmingham—only city in which League football was banned—has now been "reprieved."

Birmingham F.C., without a "home" since September last, will play their first war-time Midland Regional match on Easter Saturday against Walsall, at St. Andrews.

The Chief Constable's decision to allow first-class football to be played in the city is dependent on these conditions being observed—attendance must be limited to 15,000 and spectators distributed "to avoid excessive concentration of people." Every match must end at least half an hour before black-out time.

£37,000 in a Day

If the police authorities would permit it, the crowds at greyhound meetings in the London area would be double the limited number of 15,000 each. On one afternoon recently £37,000 passed through the totalisator at one of these meetings.

And here is another sidelight on the national delight in sport, even in wartime. The Public Schools seven-a-side Rugby tournament at Richmond, which will take place on Tuesday, April 9, will see at least 50 schools competing—including two strongholds of the Association game, Winchester and Malvern. Last year the total entry was only 22.—The Sports Editor, "Daily Mail."

INTERESTING TALK ON GROWTH OF SOCCER

A VERY INTERESTING talk on the growth of Association football was given by Rev. S. H. Hinchcliffe at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association last night which was very poorly attended.

Rev. Hinchcliffe said that the earliest semblance of football were street affairs which generally developed into free fights, the players kicking either at the ball or their opponents as they desired.

The playing of football received great opposition from the earliest time and Edward 11 passed a law against certain sections indulging in this sport.

There was also objection to the game being played on Sunday and the Army prohibited its playing on the ground that the game interfered with archery and discipline. To-day the British Army encourages football to the greatest extent.

The game was first systemised in the 18th century when it was played on a field 100 yards by 80 with goal posts three feet apart. The winner of the match was the side which scored the first goal.

Years later Football was greatly encouraged in public schools but it is interesting to note the present low standard in these schools as soccer has since been replaced by Rugby.

In 1869 the Football Association came into being but there were still no touchlines and the cross bar was only a piece of tape. In 1883 the touch lines were introduced and the present cross bar replaced the tape. In 1892 the field was marked very much as it is at present but the penalty area ran right across the field, and, in 1902, the field was marked as present with the exception of the penalty radius.

LEAGUE FORMED

The Football League was formed in 1888 owing to the lack of interest when the Cup competition was finished and professionalism increased the interest in the game; William Macgregor founded the League. Since then the League has grown considerably and even from the earliest time a club was forced to field its strongest

side for a game.

Football in the Army started in 1885, and in 1892 the Army Cup was started. Royal Engineers were the outstanding team that they won the cup four times in seven years.

Professional football was started by Preston and the players were then paid half a crown a week.

MONTHLY LEVY

A hearty vote of thanks was voted to Rev. Hinchcliffe at the end of the talk.

It was proposed that a monthly levy be made on referees in aid of the Building Fund.

Mr. Mitchell welcomed Mr. Nuttall as a guest of the Association and said that he was a Devon county referee and hoped that he would soon be one of them.

Mr. Nuttall in reply said that he had heard of the poor system of appointments of referees in Hong Kong and when he was a member of the Association he would do his utmost to get a representative of their Association on the appointment committee of Hong Kong Football Association.

EASTERN MEETS MIDDLESEX TO-DAY

Eastern, potential runners-up of the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League, meet Middlesex in their postponed game this afternoon on the Club ground at 5 p.m.

Should Eastern win this game they will require only one more point in their two remaining game to finish second in the League.

30, R.A.'S FINE RECORD

30th Royal Artillery, winners of the Junior Shield soccer competition, have a fine local record as far as football is concerned.

They first entered the League two seasons ago, in Third Division, when they won the sectional title only to be beaten by South China for the play-off of Second Division championship. They secured runners-up position after a stiff tussle with Air Force.

At the beginning of the season they again entered Third Division and would undoubtedly have won the title but when a vacancy occurred in Second Division the Football Association promoted them and here they have again proved themselves, finishing second in the "A" Section.

YOUTHFUL TEAM

The Gunners have one of the youngest teams in the League, the average age being 21, and in their ranks they have several players of outstanding merit. Guy represented the Colony in Shanghai and has played for Army in representative games.

Other players of merit are Hole, Todd, Woodfin Flanders and Halpin.

It is interesting to note that during the present season no player has had reason to be cautioned or sent off the field.

Another unique point is that 30th R.A. have been singularly fortunate in that they have not suffered any injuries and have for the greater part of the season fielded the same team each week.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this week:

THURSDAY

1st XI v University ("Y" ground, 5.15).—Benwell, Jordan and Yourieff, Smits, McLellan and Waldron; Highlands, Gemmell, Pennington, College and Walls.

SATURDAY

1st XI v Khalsa Association ("Y" ground, 4.15).—Benwell, Jordan and Yourieff, Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Bates, Gemmell, White, College and Walls.

2nd XI v R.A.S.C. (U.S.R.C. ground, 4.15).—Millington, Killen and Grant; Smits, Highlands and Baldwin; Banks, Dormer, Taylor, Gilchrist and Ireson.

Home Soccer

London, To-day.

The following are the results of football games played yesterday.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Western		
Clyde	2	Airdrie 0
Queen's Park	4	Dumbarton 1
Kilmarnock	1	Third Lanark 2

—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Open Doubles

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (holders) v A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack (Stand Court).

Handicap Singles

S. M. Garrard (—15/3) v A. Lade (—4/0) (1).
A. K. Mackenzie (—4/2/6) v E. Zulauf (—15) (6).
C. B. Nicholson (—3/6) v R. C. Beavan (—2/6) (7).

Handicap Doubles

B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence (—4/8) v A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (—1/6) (2).
T. C. Monaghan and D. M. MacDougall (—15) v C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (—30) (3).
T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter (—3/6) v C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (4).

TENNIS WASH-OUT

Owing to rain there was again no tennis at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1940

First Division

Royal Scots v Eastern
(Club at 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—Glover.
Linesmen:—Tent and Li Bing-tong.
Navy v Middlesex
(Causeway Bay at 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Copsey.
S. China "B" v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill at 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—Stokes.
Linesmen:—Dove and Phillips.
St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street at 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Demmee and Smith.

(Second Division) Play off

Engineers v South China
(Club at 3.15 p.m.).
Referee:—Hinchcliffe.

Third Division

Electric v Royal Scots
(St. Joseph's at 3.15 p.m.).
Referee:—Edwards.
R.A.S.C. v International
(Caroline Hill at 3.15 p.m.).
Referee:—Baker.
12th R.A. v South China
(Stanley at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Banham.

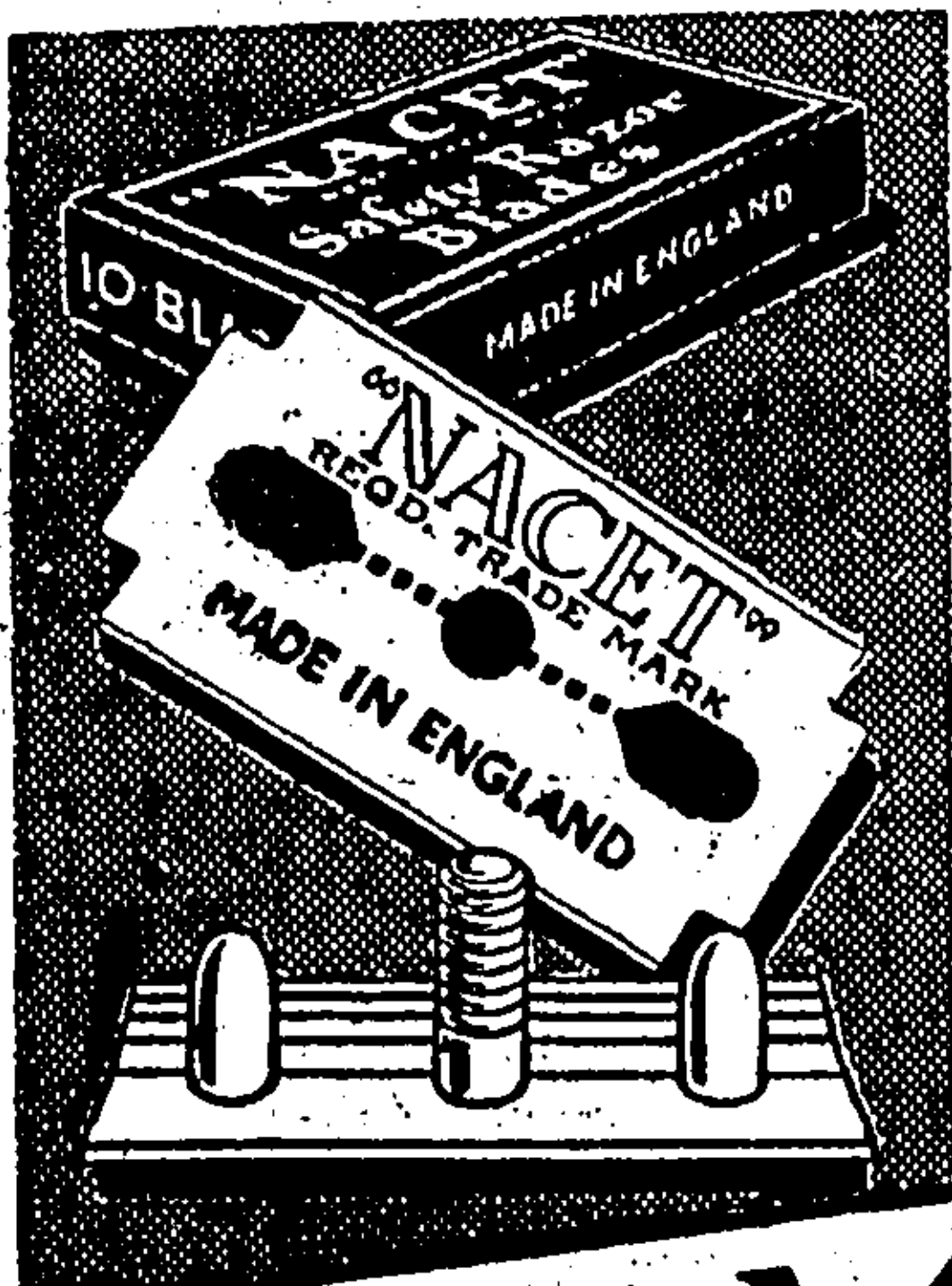
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1940

First Division

S. China "A" v Police
(Caroline Hill at 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—Ford.
Linesmen:—Fraser and Sze Po-wai.

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Paul Bell, the young Kowloon Football Club player, has left for Shanghai on transfer.



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GOLF WARM UP HELPFUL

BY BEST BALL

Golf calls for cool thinking and smooth swinging. These qualities, unfortunately, are not always within a player's control. However there seems to be little advantage in such golfers handicapping themselves further by a wrong approach to actual playing. Obviously if a player is uncertain of his game, he is apt to be a little nervous approaching the first tee and a great deal more nervous on it, if any spectators are about. Naturally these factors manifest themselves in the stroke.

It is difficult enough for the expert golfer to mask his true feelings in regard to certain shots and the average player's lot is even tougher. All of which bears upon a point, which every golfer should heed. Cool playing calls for a right approach. This approach means a careful warming up so that the player's muscles are supple and synchronized to the play. This can be done in various ways such as driving out practice tee shots, pitching short shots to the pin, swinging an overweight club or two clubs to

GRAPHIC GOLF



get oneself attuned. It might seem like so much waste of time, but there is a game to play, and the results and subsequent enjoyment in actual competition are worth it. Next Article:—Winter Practice.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

FARMERS COMPELLED BY the floods to abandon their farms and seek refuge in the French Concession were among the happy few to enjoy a constant supply of hot water in this winter of Polar cold and expensive coal.

"CHARLIE CHASE" OBJECTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

In a letter to the "North China Daily News," the well-known pugilist and Merchant Marine officer, "Charlie Chase" Collaco, takes exception to several press reports regarding Japanese demands on the Macao Government.

Mr. Collaco writes: "Imagine a foreign military power conducting a house-to-house search in our own colony. Japan is on most friendly terms with Portugal and would not make such ridiculous demands."

"Your report also mentions armed Japanese entering gambling establishments and ordering expensive meals without paying. This is untrue."

"The Macao police are a tough bunch of ex-army men who would not tolerate any abuse by foreigners re-

To house the refugees, whose number reached 15,000, the French Municipality built a big village of 2,000 mud and straw huts at Laosikal, near the only natural hot water spring in the Tientsin region.

Easy access to the water supply helped to maintain good hygienic conditions and no epidemic broke out despite the crowded conditions. The camp still houses 9,000 refugees.

The Concession authorities in the last six months have spent more than \$500,000 for refugees, the relief money being entirely donated by private donations and the refugee relief lottery. The local Y.M.C.A. contributed \$50,000.—Havas.

GERMAN PLANES OFF EAST COAST

London, To-day.

A German plane appeared near the south-east coast of England yesterday, and British pursuit planes took off. The sound of gun fire could be heard from the shore.

Another Nazi plane was reported over or near the north-east coast. — Reuter.

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The Netherlands Government asks that measures be taken against the offenders and reserves the right to claim indemnity. — Reuter.

Istanbul, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, had an interview with President Inuenu last night at which the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, was present. — Reuter.

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